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PREFACE

Rational Dictation is designed to fill a want that has existed for some time for a progressive dictation book to be placed in the hands of the pupils for home-work assignments in speed classes.

There is a new departure in the make-up of this book. The letters and articles selected are all carefully graded according to the "syllabic intensity" of the vocabulary used, affording a gradual and progressive transition from letters of the lowest intensity to those of a more difficult content. This book is no haphazard indiscriminate collection of letters, but a well-chosen variety based entirely on "syllabic intensity" for the systematic development of a shorthand vocabulary.

Many problems confront the teacher of an advanced shorthand class. The task of developing to a high degree the skill of a class in taking dictation demands a good understanding of psychology and expertness in the application of the principles of teaching. The theory that a teacher is a mechanical dictator has passed. The establishment of correct writing habits devolves upon the teacher of the theory class, but the development of a high degree of coordination and power of initiating outlines is the problem of the teacher of a speed class.

It is the conviction of the authors, as a result of many years of practical classroom experience, that a dictation book offering a scientific, systematic method of building a vocabulary would be of distinct advantage to the teacher of an advanced shorthand class. The speed of a shorthand writer depends on the number of familiar words he encounters in the dictation. A fluent style of writing and the elimination of hesitancy come

only from well-prepared and regular repetitive drills on a great number of common words in the language, followed by the dictation of connected matter in which these words appear. Skill will increase more quickly when a certain amount of prepared matter is given as a daily assignment for home work.

With this conviction in mind, Rational Dictation makes a special feature of a shorthand vocabulary of words and phrases accompanying each letter, so that the student is afforded an opportunity to practice them before writing the assignment. These lists are cumulative.

The book is divided into three parts:

Part I contains a varied collection of letters culled from the Regents Examinations of the University of the State of New York. As these examinations are set as minimum requirements, the letters afford an easy transition from the theory stage to the actual dictation practice. Exhaustive lists of shorthand outlines are given with each letter for special practice.

Part II consists of a collection of actual correspondence representing various lines of business, all carefully graded for a

systematic development of a shorthand vocabulary.

Part III comprises a well-chosen variety of selections from speeches, essays, and books in connection with commercial training, calculated not only to add to the student's vocabulary but also to convey information, enrich his knowledge of facts, and teach him many valuable lessons in business procedure.

This book also makes possible a thoroughgoing correlation of stenography and typewriting. The numerous suggestions for setting up a letter and the actual concrete illustrations of such set-ups will be found an invaluable assistance to the student in

turning out business letters of an acceptable standard.

Rational Dictation has developed from actual teaching at the High School of Commerce, New York City. In it are incorporated many valuable suggestions generously given by the instructors in that institution.

The authors are deeply indebted to the many firms that have so liberally contributed of their correspondence.

All matter has been counted and marked in groups of ten to provide for dictation at an even pace and speed. The number of words and the syllable intensity are also given at the end of each letter and article, thus: (145—1.43). The first number indicates the total number of words and the second number the syllabic intensity.

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COMPUTING ARRANGEMENT OF LETTERS ON LETTERHEADS

An analysis of letterheads shows two styles:

Style 1. Letterheads which do not cover more than 2 inches.

Style 2. Letterheads which cover more than 2 inches.

STYLE 1

- 1. Date: 2½ inches from top of sheet (15th line).
- 2. To center a letter of 100 words:

Use a 2-inch margin (20 spaces on scale) for single spacing.

Use a 1½-inch margin for double spacing.

- 3. For every difference of 20 words in the size of a letter, a difference of 1/10 inch in the margin (1 pica space on scale) is required.
- 4. A difference of 1 to 10 words in the size of the letter will not alter the margin.
- 5. Always return to the letter of 100 words as a basis for determining margins.
- 6. Common forms:

A letter of less than 100 words—double spacing.

A letter of 100 to 150 words—double or single spacing.

A letter of more than 150 words—single spacing.

7. Spacing below date:

Less than 100 words— 4 to 6 spaces.

100 to 200 words— 2 to 4 spaces.

More than 200 words-2 spaces.

8. If you are using plain sheets, center the name, 9 spaces from top of sheet.

HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE (u. c.)

155 West 65 Street New York City

This makes a total of 12 spaces, or 2 inches.

STYLE 2

1. When using letterheads covering more than 2 inches of space, type date 3½ inches from top (21st line).

 Figure margin as for first style of letterhead as in No. 2 above and then subtract 3/10 inch (3 spaces on scale).

TRANSCRIPTION WORK

- 1. Gauge size of letter from amount of space covered by stenographic notes. (Get acquainted with your own individual style.)
- 2. Determine form—single or double spacings.
- 3. Determine margin.
- 4. Insert paper; set line space gauge and marginal stops.
- 5. Type date; leave correct number of spaces below it and transcribe notes.

Addressing Envelopes

- 1. Insert envelope and turn cylinder 12 single spaces.
- 2. Center the name.
- Indent for street address, city, and state. Each is written out in full on a separate line.
- 4. Use double spacing.
- 5. Other forms are not preferred by post-office authorities.

Mercury Athletic Association

FERGUS FALLS, MONTANA

December 9, 19--

First National Bank

Fergus Falls, Montana

Gentlemen:

I called at the bank and renewed our note for \$63.00 and paid interest on same.

I am enclosing the new note signed by Mr. Norby and me, which I believe is satisfactory to you and according to our agreement with Mr. Lincoln this afternoon.

We desire to thank you for this favor.

and other marks of interest which your bank
has shown towards our high school athletic

association.

Very truly yours,

Percy Head Treas. Miletic Association

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ILLUSTRATION OF A SHORT, DOUBLE-SPACED LETTER

FLEET-ROGERS COMPANY

Clothiers since 1850 NEW YORK N. Y.

September 3, 19--

Mr. Douglas C. Drake Kensington Terrace Bronxville, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

"The best of everything men and boys wear" is a big statement, but it is no idle boast with us!

-they are the best, and they do in-clude everything men or boys, big or little, wear: fall overcoats, suits, shoes, headgear, hosiery, underwear, furnishings, sport goods!

This booklet gives you a hint of our stocks. We hope you'll be in to see for yourself soon.

Cordially yours, Richard Rogers

President

ILLUSTRATION OF A SHORT, SINGLE-SPACED LETTER (Note indented address and paragraphs)

HARVTON UNIVERSITY

Department of Languages MIAMI, FLORIDA

February 5, 19--

Anthony M. Ware

Kr. J. B. Alexander Supt. of Schools Paterson, N. J.

> Attention of Miss B. Lambert Supervisor of English

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 26 has been very carefully read, I do not know that I can contribute very much toward establishing a standard for judging oral English, but it seems to me there are no elements in speaking that are more important than those indicated in your last letter.

I do not care to arrange the points according to their importance, as I regard all of them as being very essential. I will say, however, I think all points are covered when one has "the ability to tell a good story."

I hope what little I have contributed meets with your favor, and trust you will pardon me if I suggest that the word "Emglish" be dropped and the word "American" be substituted therefor.

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ILLUSTRATION OF A MEDIUM-LENGTH, SINGLE-SPACED LETTER (Note position of "Attention of" and typed signature)

H. M. MARSDON & COMPANY, Inc. Realtors Atlanta, Ga.

March 10, 19--

M. P. S. Hamiltor Bryant & Stanley Building Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Sirt

The unusually strong features of this new issue of Marsdon Bonds secured by the Hicks Building, in Atlanta, Georgia, establish it beyond question es the OUTSTANDING FIRST MORTGAGE BOND ISSUE OF THE YEAR.

- The Hicks Building is entirely completed and in successful operation.
- 2. It is the largest office building in the South.
- It is the sixteenth largest office building in the United States.
- It is ideally located and tenanted by some of the largest and best-known firms of the country.
- 5. The coupon rate is 7%.
- An unconditional guarantee of the payment of principal and interest may be had at the option of the purchaser by the payment of a 0.5% annual premium.

These strong features of a 7% interest rate, secured by the nation's sixteenth largest office building (entirely completed and in operation), will be quickly recognized by our clients as an unusual investment opportunity.

We recommend these bonds without qualification as one of the safest issues we have ever underwritten and etrongly advise the prompt forwarding of orders and reservations, in order to insure participation before the issue is sold out.

Orders and reservations will be honored in the order received. Please mail, telegraph, or telephone your instructions -- at once.

Yours very truly,

H. M. MARSDON & GOMPANY, INC.

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ILLUSTRATION OF A FULL-PAGE, SINGLE-SPACED LETTER (Note the indented numbered paragraphs)

HUMBOLDT MOTOR COMPANY CLEVELAND · OHIO

Office of the President

May 12, 19--

My dear Mr. Taylor:

This is just a personal note to express my appreciation of the confidence you have shown in purchasing a Humboldt car.

The men who build the Humboldt have tried sincerely to put into the car the very best they have within themselves, hoping to merit the good. will of those we are happy to count among Humboldt owners.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar P. Humboldt President

Mr. R. S. Taylor 7 Kenmore Avenue Bay City, Michigan

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THE GORDON MOTOR COMPANY 464 Winter Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts

Philip G. Williams, Manager

November 1, 19 --

Mr. O. P. Kennard 136 Federal Street Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sira

WINTER CONDITIONING INSPECTION

It is now time to prepare your Gordon car for winter driving.

May we call your attention to the following points;

1. Cooling System

2. Battery

3. Carburetor
4. Intake Manifold
5. Ignition

6. Motor 7. Brakes

8. Rear Axle
9. Transmission
10. Winter Storage

COOLING SYSTEM. The radiator should be thoroughly cleaned by flushing before alcohol is put in. Do not use patented antifreezing compounds. Alcohol is much better. Be sure to get the proper amount of alcohol for different temperatures. A Jones shutter front or winter front is a desirable asset even though antifreezing fluids are used.

BATTERY. The battery should be tested frequently and kept well charged (hydrometer reading, 0.1275 to 0.1300). A battery fully charged (hydrometer reading, 0.1150) will freeze and break in a temperature of 13 degrees above zero. If only one-quarter charged, it will freeze in a temperature of zero. Hard and frequent starting as well as short distances of travel will run down the battery. Be sure to have the battery inspected and charged when needed.

CARBURETOR. For winter driving, the carburetor should have a somewhat richer mixture. The shutter on the air horn should be closed so as to draw only warm air from around the

ILLUSTRATION OF A TWO-PAGE LETTER (Note the balance of the letter on the page and the even margins)

Mr. (OPK) 2, Nov. 1, 19--

exhaust manifold. On Model A cars, bleeder well and hot spet plate should be adjusted for winter. The choke valve should be inspected to see that it is tightly closed when the choke fed button is pulled out.

IGNITION. To insure easy starting and maximum power, the spark plugs and breaker points should be cleaned and adjusted. The electrical connections should be gone over very carefully and tightened.

MOTOR. Change the motor oil every three hundred miles. When the carburetor and the ignition system are in good condition, proper use of the choke rod on the instrument board will make starting easy and will save the battery.

BRAKES. Brakes should be equalized. On slippery and wet days, skidding is more likely to occur with an uneven adjustment. The entire brake control system and rear-axle brake tubes on two-wheel brake cars should be oiled to prevent freezing.

REAR AXLE AND TRANSMISSION. In the rear axle a heavy grease will not give sufficient lubrication to pinion bearings. The old grease in the transmission and the differential should be flushed out, and new light grease put in for winter use.

STORAGE. We have space for a few cars, in our dry and heated garage, for winter storage, for customers who wish to store their cars for the winter.

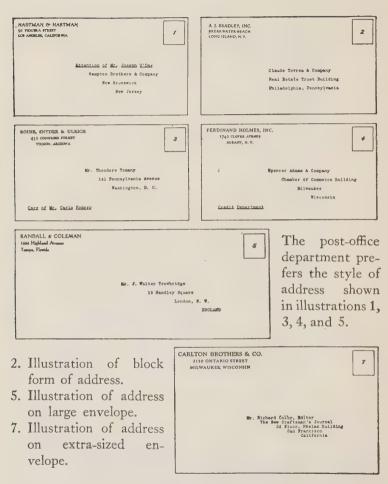
May we serve you?

Yours very truly,

Philip G. Williams

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Rational Dictation

PART I

A VARIED COLLECTION OF LETTERS CULLED FROM THE REGENTS
EXAMINATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
EXHAUSTIVE LISTS OF SHORTHAND OUTLINES ARE GIVEN WITH
EACH LETTER FOR SPECIAL PRACTICE.



Mr. Andrew P. Abbott
11 North Seventh Street

Allentown, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

We are sorry to learn that your goods¹⁰ did not turn out as you expected.

We wrote you²⁰ when we filled the order that our stock was very³⁰ low, and that it would be necessary for us to⁴⁰ supply you with goods which had been on hand for ⁵⁰ some time.

You may either return the goods to us,⁶⁰ or inform us what amount you think we should deduct⁷⁰ from your bill.

Yours truly, (75—1.22)

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Mr. A. Frederick Stone 785 Vanderbilt Street Auburn, New York

Dear Sir:

Do not let a man get away from¹⁰ your counter without asking him if he owns or uses²⁰ a Miller razor. If he says he does, then you³⁰ can start in and talk to him about the Miller⁴⁰

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blades. Be sure that while you are talking to him⁵⁰ you have a blade in your hand, demonstrating it as⁶⁰ you go along. Then if you can get him to⁷⁰ take it home and try it for thirty days you⁸⁰ have made the sale. Very few wish to return the⁹⁰ Miller after they have tried it.

If you have the 100 names of men who own Millers in your community, send 110 the list to us and we will mail advertising matter 120 to them and direct them to your store to buy 130 our blades. We shall then be able to credit you 140 with all coupons that come into this office bearing your 150 name

Yours truly, (153—1.23)

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Mr. Austin Williams
115 North Thirteenth Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

The writer has an automobile which has gone¹⁰ over 8,000 miles and looks as good today as when²⁰ new. It has been driven through all kinds of weather³⁰ and all sorts of roads. At times it has been⁴⁰ covered with road oil, tar, and mud. Today it cannot⁵⁰ be told from a new car. Look at your own⁶⁰ car and see if you can say the same.

If⁷⁰ we can show you something that will keep your car⁸⁰ looking at all times in first-class condition, do you⁹⁰ not think it worth your while to try it out?¹⁰⁰ We guarantee that in case you

are not satisfied in¹¹⁰ every way any money you may have paid us will¹²⁰ be cheerfully refunded.

Yours very truly, (126—1.24)

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Mr. Henry E. Dunn 100 North Street Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Each day we have been expecting a remittance¹⁰ from you in payment of your account amounting to²⁰ \$146.50, for goods purchased last³⁰ month.

Our dealings with you for the past five years⁴⁰ show that you are just and fair. There must be^{50} some good reason why you have not paid us. We⁶⁰ are sure you realize that it is not right to⁷⁰ allow this bill to remain unpaid.

Will you not, please, 80 at once, while this letter is before you, send us 90 a check for \$146.50?100

Yours very truly, (103-1.27)

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Mr. Theodore M. Glott 435 Elbron Street San Pedro, California

Dear Sir:

Does anyone owe you money? If so, how¹⁰ do you feel toward him? What would you think of²⁰ him if he not only made no effort to pay³⁰ you,

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but disregarded your requests for settlement?

Do you realize⁴⁰ that modern prosperity and the expansion of business are entirely⁵⁰ dependent on the credit system and that this would soon⁶⁰ be destroyed if all business men treated their obligations as⁷⁰ you have? We ask you as an honorable person either⁸⁰ to pay your bill or to let us know the⁹⁰ cause of the delay.

We expect to hear from you¹⁰⁰ without delay. Yours very truly, (105—1.28)

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Mr. D. B. Pierce 882 Grand Avenue

Columbus, Ohio

Dear Sir:

About three weeks ago I applied by letter¹⁰ for a position as accountant in your cost department. You²⁰ very kindly informed me that there was no vacancy then³⁰ but that you were placing my application on file.

I⁴⁰ do not wish to presume too much, but may I⁵⁰ ask whether there is a vacancy now? By referring to⁶⁰ my letter of application you will find, I believe, that⁷⁰ my qualifications fit me for the place. I have such⁸⁰ a high regard for your concern that I should like⁹⁰ very much to join your staff.

If no vacancy exists¹⁰⁰ at present, will you please keep me in mind for¹¹⁰ the next one that occurs.

Respectfully yours, (127-1.28)

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Mr. John White

1064 West Congress Street

Ithaca, New York

Dear Mr. White:

You may be sure we appreciate your¹⁰ order of May 25. Although it will be impossible²⁰ for us to ship by July 1 all the goods³⁰ you ordered, we will do the best we can.

There⁴⁰ seems to be a misunderstanding in regard to terms. Your⁵⁰ order reads 2 per cent 10 days, net 90 days.⁶⁰ We presume this is an error, as you know our⁷⁰ terms are strictly 2 per cent 10 days, net 30⁸⁰ days.

Yours truly, (83—1.29)

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Mrs. J. A. Brooks

1007 Seventh Street

Sacramento, California

Dear Madam:

On Tuesday, June 22, you are invited¹⁰ to our private sale of coats and dresses.

We assume²⁰ that you are planning clothes for the season in town³⁰ and for the summer out of town. We have accordingly⁴⁰ this year advanced the date of our private sale, thinking⁵⁰ that a change in date will be more convenient for⁶⁰ you. The enclosed proofs will tell the full story of⁷⁰ the models and the prices.

Purchases made at this sale⁸⁰ will be charged,

not on your June bill, but on 90 your July bill, which will not be due until August. 100

Very truly yours, (103—1.29)

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Mrs. Thomas J. Smith 225 Holmes Street

Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Smith:

We recall that when you bought the¹⁰ oak dining table last April, you expressed a desire to²⁰ have a set of chairs to match. We have just³⁰ placed on the floor a new lot of furniture in⁴⁰ which there are several chairs that would match the table⁵⁰ perfectly. We wish you to see these chairs and also⁶⁰ several other pieces that might interest you, even though you⁷⁰ may not desire to purchase them now.

Very respectfully yours, 80 (80—1.30)

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Mr. L. E. Christie

16 West Granite Street Butte, Montana

Dear Sir:

We do not quite understand your attitude in¹⁰ regard to your account. The terms which we made with²⁰ you were net cash in ten days from receipt of³⁰ goods. Not hearing from you at the expiration of that⁴⁰ time, we wrote to you, thinking perhaps you had overlooked⁵⁰ the matter. We received no reply. Finally, we drew on⁶⁰ you for the amount, but our bank has just notified⁷⁰

us that the draft has been returned to them.

If 80 we do not hear from you at once we shall 90 be obliged to place the account in the hands of 100 our attorney for collection.

Yours truly, (106-1.30)

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Mr. E. O. Everett

221 North Tryon Street

Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

In the case of John Nelson against you, ¹⁰ judgment has been rendered in favor of the plaintiff for ²⁰ principal and interest, amounting to \$155. ³⁰ Exception has been duly taken in your behalf so that ⁴⁰ if you wish to take the case to the Supreme ⁵⁰ Court, you can do so within the time allowed by ⁶⁰ law.

Please let me know at once if you wish⁷⁰ to defend the case in the Supreme Court, in order⁸⁰ that I may know what action to take in the⁹⁰ matter. My advice would be to appeal, for I am¹⁰⁰ very positive that the county judge would be reversed in¹¹⁰ several of his rulings.

Yours very respectfully, (117—1.30)

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Mr. P. J. Diamond

173 Broadway

Paterson, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

We thank you for your order which arrived in the last mail. However, we are in doubt as 20

to the kind of shoes which you want. You say,30 "one pair just like those last ordered." Your last order40 called for the Boston shoe. In another paragraph of the50 letter just received from you, you mention as your reason60 for sending this order the fact that you have decided 70 Lo to wear the Philadelphia shoe.

To prevent our sending the80 wrong shoes, will you kindly make your order a little 90 clearer? Upon receipt of your letter we shall forward the 100 shoes at once.

Yours truly, (105-1.31)

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Mr. H. E. Elmer 6 East Fourth Street Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Now that the warm weather has come, you, 10 like hundreds of other car owners, are getting your car²⁰ ready for trips to the country.

You may find that30 you are in need of certain things—perhaps a new40 tire, an inner tube, some paint. Whatever you need, remember⁵⁰ that we are ready to serve you.

Our fresh stock60 has just been unpacked and we believe that we can70 supply you with anything you want. We stand back of 80 everything we sell. If any article you purchase from us90 is not satisfactory, we will return your money.

May we¹⁰⁰ expect to see you soon?

Yours truly, (107-1.31)

Mr. J. Adam Peters 790 Rose Terrace Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

In a short time your customers will be10 2 thinking of ways to keep their homes and offices cool.20 Let us show you how these can be kept cool30 and how at the same time you can make a40 good profit for yourself.

We are specializing just now in⁵⁰ a lowpriced electric fan. While this can be sold⁶⁰ at a price considerably lower than the ordinary fan, it⁷⁰ will yield you more profit than other electric fans. The80 fan is good value to the customer at the price of asked and will sell rapidly

Our salesman will be in100 your town next Monday and will be glad to give 110 you further information.

Yours truly, (115-1.31)

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Mr. Edward L. Fagan 1200 Broad Street Columbus, Georgia

Dear Sir:

We feel that we are not getting the 10 share of your trade which we have a right to²⁰ expect. As a credit man for our firm, I want³⁰ just a moment of your time to ask you a40 frank question. Why do we not get more of your⁵⁰ business?

I know that you are receiving from other houses⁶⁰ ample accommodations for your require-

ments, but it has occurred to⁷⁰ me that perhaps you do not know of your good⁸⁰ standing with our firm or of the great pleasure it⁹⁰ would give me to extend you similar service for your¹⁰⁰ business needs. When I consider the nature of your business¹¹⁰ and the large and varied lines of goods you handle,¹²⁰ it seems to me that it would be decidedly to¹³⁰ your interest gradually to increase your business with us.

I¹⁴⁰ sincerely hope that you will give this subject your most¹⁵⁰ serious consideration. If you will frankly tell me your views,¹⁶⁰ I shall esteem it

a personal favor.

Yours very truly, 170 (170-1.31)

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Mr. Fred Hinkle 189 Prairie Street Zanesville, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Though they say, "Everything comes to him who¹⁰ waits," we are still without any reply to the several²⁰ letters mailed you during the last two years, inquiring why³⁰ your account remains inactive.

Is it because you have not⁴⁰ heard how moderate our prices are, how they are based⁵⁰ on today's replacement costs, how they go down as costs⁶⁰ go down? Or has something gone wrong? In any event⁷⁰ won't you be good enough to let us hear from⁸⁰ you?

Respectfully yours, (83-1.33)

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Mr. Fred Hopkins

730 South Los Angeles Street

Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Your advertisement, which we enclose, was cut from one of the morning papers. The cost of this advertisement in the paper you have chosen is at least \$75.30

To publish the same in our paper will⁴⁰ cost only a little more and you will reach a⁵⁰ group of readers who cannot be appealed to through any⁶⁰ other medium. We are not urging you to stop your⁷⁰ current advertising but we simply wish to point out that⁸⁰ if your copy brings returns in the present field you⁹⁰ should not neglect the business to be obtained from the¹⁰⁰ field we reach.

We look forward to a trial use of 110 our columns

Yours truly, (114—1.33)

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Mr. Stanley Mitchell
19 West Eighth Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

Our New York office at 214¹⁰ Broadway is now serving our clients in the section in²⁰ which you live. That office is prepared to handle any³⁰ transaction relating to our bonds and, in fact, will be⁴⁰ pleased to serve you in any way possible.

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May we⁵⁰ suggest that in the future, in order that your letters⁶⁰ may be answered promptly, you address them to the New⁷⁰ York office, where all records of your account are now⁸⁰ kept. When you are in that neighborhood, we should like⁹⁰ you to call and make the acquaintance of the office¹⁰⁰ manager.

We hope that we may have the pleasure of 110

serving you in the near future.

Very truly yours, (119—1.33)

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Mr. Robert Hunter 303 Main Street

Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

It is a pleasure indeed to comply with¹⁰ your request of June 12 to forward you under another²⁰ cover our book entitled "Better Business Letters," together with a³⁰ specimen book of Old Campfire Bond, showing the paper in⁴⁰ a complete assortment of weights and tints. It is our⁵⁰ hope that the paper will meet with your approval and⁶⁰ that you will decide to give it a trial. We⁷⁰ feel certain that your trial of Old Campfire Bond will⁸⁰ prove that profit as well as pleasure may be derived⁹⁰ from the use of this paper.

We assure you that¹⁰⁰ we appreciate your interest in this book and we hope¹¹⁰ to have the pleasure of serving you further.

Very truly¹²⁰ yours, (121-1.33)

Mr. R. A. Brown
60 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Your inquiry of January 10, requesting our opinion¹⁰ of the real estate market in general and asking about²⁰ the possibility of disposing of your dwelling houses this spring,³⁰ has had the attention of two of our men who⁴⁰ know your property well. They say that these houses are⁵⁰ in first-class condition but that they have been built⁶⁰ a long time and must be classed, in this city⁷⁰ at least, as old houses.

The demand for this type⁸⁰ of house is not so good as it was six⁹⁰ months or a year ago. A number of sales have¹⁰⁰ been made recently, however, and if you will place the¹¹⁰ property in our hands we shall be glad to give¹²⁰ it our best attention.

Very truly yours, (127—1.33)

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Mr. Charles H. Franklin 338 East Water Street Elmira, New York

Dear Sir:

We find upon glancing at your account today¹⁰ that you have entirely overlooked the item of September 4²⁰ amounting to \$95.10. We hope that³⁰ you will send us a check at once for

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this⁴⁰ amount so that we may bring the account up to⁵⁰ date.

Yours truly, (53—1.34)

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Messrs. A. F. Beckman & Company 459 Broadway

Albany, New York

Gentlemen:

We have your letter of May 1, and regret¹⁰ to learn that you cannot make us better prices²⁰ than those you quoted in your former letter.

We assure³⁰ you that we can procure the same goods at less⁴⁰ price from another house in your city, and unless you⁵⁰ see fit to make a further reduction we shall place⁶⁰ our future orders elsewhere.

Very truly, (66—1.34)

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Weldon Drug Company
15 Union Square
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

I wrote you two days ago relative to securing¹⁰ an interview with you and tried to convey how much²⁰ I desire to enter your employ and make a place³⁰ for myself.

Since writing you I have been asked to⁴⁰ call on another concern next Thursday for the purpose of⁵⁰ an interview. I do not want to miss this

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opportunity⁶⁰ if you cannot use me but would much rather take⁷⁰ my chance with your firm.

May I not call and80 talk with you before next Thursday?

Very truly yours, (89—1.34)

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Mr. Valentine Smith 807 Main Street Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Smith:

When I talked with you recently about 10 repairs to our buildings on Main Street, you said that,20 as soon as demands on your time would permit, you³⁰ would look over the property in question and let us40 know what needed to be done.

This was several weeks50 ago. We wish to have this work out of the60 way before the busy season comes along, and unless you season comes along, and unless you once we shall have to postpone the undertaking several months. Will you not meet me at my several months. Will you not get the repairs under way¹⁰⁰ as soon as possible? Please reply by return mail.

Very¹¹⁰ truly yours, (112—1.34)

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Mr. B. J. Wells Tenney Block Madison, Wisconsin

This will acknowledge your order for our

special¹⁰ camping outfit and remittance covering it.

The outfit was shipped²⁰ today and should reach you by the end of the³⁰ week. If we do not hear from you in ten⁴⁰ days we shall assume that the shipment has been received⁵⁰ in good order.

We believe that this outfit will add⁶⁰ much to the pleasure of your summer vacation.

Yours respectfully, 70 (70—1.35)

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National Lighting Supply Company 415 West Fortieth Street New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Will you please have your representative call at this¹⁰ office Monday morning to consider our lighting problem? The present²⁰ fixtures were put in about seven years ago. While they³⁰ were suitable at that time, they are now out of⁴⁰ date and I shall be glad to see your catalogue⁵⁰ so that we may put in a new order.

What⁶⁰ we want is a fixture suitable for a store. The⁷⁰ one we have in mind is suspended by a chain⁸⁰ at a h ight of eight feet. We do not like⁹⁰ those we are now using because they are too high,¹⁰⁰ requiring the use of large lamps, and the light is¹¹⁰ not evenly distributed.

We know we can rely on you¹²⁰ for a satisfactory solution of our problem.

Yours truly, (129-1.35)

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Mr. J. H. Blake

713 Jackson Avenue Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

We are pleased to find your name among¹⁰ those who patronized our sale during the last ten days.²⁰ We thank you for your patronage and assure you that³⁰ even though the goods you purchased were disposed of at⁴⁰ special sale prices we wish you to be satisfied with⁵⁰ them in every way. If they do not give satisfaction,⁶⁰ we shall be glad to make a reasonable adjustment.

We⁷⁰ want you to feel that you are always welcome to⁸⁰ inspect our merchandise and we are confident that you will⁹⁰ be repaid for your trouble.

Very truly yours, (98—1.35)

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Messrs. Johnson, Wood & Company 455 Bankers Building

Houston, Texas

Gentlemen:

There still remains a balance of \$80 on¹⁰ your account, which is long past due.

You will admit²⁰ that we have shown you every possible consideration in this³⁰ matter. We have written you three letters about your account,⁴⁰ hoping that each letter would be the last one needed⁵⁰ to bring a response.

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We want to retain your friendship⁶⁰ and good will, but feel that some effort should be⁷⁰ made on your part to meet us halfway. A letter⁸⁰ of explanation or a check for the amount due is⁹⁰ all that is needed.

Please do not disappoint us this 100 time.

Yours truly, (103—1.35)

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Mr. L. D. Berger 32 South Street

Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter stating¹⁰ that you have received no gas bill for the month²⁰ of August and that you object to receiving notice that³⁰ your gas will be turned off unless you pay your⁴⁰ bill by a certain date.

There is no charge against⁵⁰ you for gas. On the contrary, we have a credit⁶⁰ entry in your favor for 77 cents. Last June⁷⁰ you read your own meter and we made out the⁸⁰ bill from your figures. You overread the meter by a⁹⁰ thousand feet and therefore paid \$1.25¹⁰⁰ more than you actually owed.

This will explain why you¹¹⁰ received no bill. We regret very much that we sent¹²⁰ a notice threatening to cut off your gas. That was¹³⁰ a mistake which, of course, should not have occurred.

Yours¹⁴⁰ very truly, (142—1.35)

Mr. George N. Morton 22 Hazel Street

Manchester, New Hampshire

Dear Sir:

We have received your check for \$490¹⁰ in payment of our invoice of January 10²⁰ for \$500. Although this remittance was not made³⁰ until twenty-four days after the date of the invoice, ⁴⁶ you have taken a discount of 2 per cent. May⁵⁰ we call your attention to our terms of "2 per cent 10 days from the date of invoice." Our prices⁷⁰ are carefully computed on the basis of the terms quoted⁸⁰ and we cannot allow any deviation from these terms.⁹⁰

Will you be kind enough, therefore, to send us your check¹⁰⁰ for \$10 to pay the unsettled balance of our¹¹⁰ invoice of January 10.

Yours truly, (116—1.35)

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Messrs. James I. Wilson & Company
77 McCall Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

We have used your loose-leaf binders in our¹⁰ order department for the last five years, during which time²⁰ they have given entire satisfaction. Although we have had ten³⁰ binders in constant use, some of them containing over 2,000⁴⁰ sheets, we have not had the slightest trouble with⁵⁰ them.

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Without question the Wilson loose-leaf binder is the 60 best we have ever used.

Very truly yours, (68—1.36)

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Mr. William H. Baker 210 Badger Building Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 27 has been¹⁰ received. We shipped the goods by express on April 17²⁰ and supposed they had reached you before this. We find,³⁰ however, that the goods were not shipped prepaid and this⁴⁰ fact may have delayed delivery. We have advised the express⁵⁰ company, in case this was the cause of the delay,⁶⁰ to charge the express to our account and get the⁷⁰ goods into your hands as quickly as possible.

Kindly write⁸⁰ us further with regard to this matter.

Yours truly, (89—1.36)

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Mr. John Golden 826 Q Street Lincoln, Nebraska

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Dear Sir:

Our open account with you shows an indebtedness¹⁰ on our part of \$2,050. We are²⁰ under the impression that you have no immediate use for³⁰ this money, and if such is the case we

should⁴⁰ consider it a great favor if you would allow this⁵⁰ amount to stand as a loan for one year.

We⁶⁰ are steadily increasing our business, and this addition to our⁷⁰ working capital for the coming year would be of great⁸⁰ service to us. If you can arrange to do this,⁹⁰ we shall be glad to pay interest at 6 per¹⁰⁰ cent.

Will you kindly inform us of your decision as 110 soon as possible.

Very truly yours, (116-1.36)

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Mr. P. G. Cameron 17 Lee Street Bristol, Virginia

Dear Sir:

Your request to have us take up your¹⁰ notes due July 10 seems to us to be rather²⁰ unreasonable. These notes have gone through our bank and will³⁰ be presented for collection at your bank on that date.⁴⁰

From our conversation over the telephone, we understood that you⁵⁰ would surely pay the note of \$300 and⁶⁰ that you hoped to find it possible to pay the⁷⁰ other note also. We have already instructed our bank to⁸⁰ present both notes for collection but to return to us⁹⁰ without protest the note for \$200 if it¹⁰⁰ is not paid.

We shall, however, expect you to do¹¹⁰ your utmost to pay both of these notes on the¹²⁰ day of maturity.

Very truly yours, (126—1.36)

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Mr. E. F. Crumb

60 Lock Street

Nashua, New Hampshire

Dear Sir:

Attached is a specimen of the work of ¹⁰ our paper fastener. We have sold thousands of these fasteners ²⁰ and if you are not using them you are missing ³⁰ one of the best devices designed for saving time and ⁴⁰ money.

You do not have to look for pins, clips,⁵⁰ or staples when you have papers to fasten together. Have⁶⁰ one of our fasteners handy and you will be surprised⁷⁰ how quickly the job can be done.

We supply these⁸⁰ fasteners in two models at \$2 and \$2.50⁹⁰ per thousand, postpaid. Let us send you one¹⁰⁰ or both models for ten days' trial, all charges prepaid.¹¹⁰ After ten days' examination, if they are not all we¹²⁰ say, send them back at our expense.

Yours very truly, 130 (130-1.36)

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Mr. B. J. Daniels

350 Meadow Street Savannah, Georgia

Dear Sir:

You doubtless have our last letter on your¹⁰ desk somewhere, expecting to give it attention as soon as²⁰ you have a moment to spare. We do not wish³⁰ to seem too insistent about so small a matter as⁴⁰ the payment past due on your ac-

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count, but you as⁵⁰ a business man will readily appreciate our position.

If we⁶⁰ are called upon to spend even postage to collect these⁷⁰ small instalments, it really works a hardship on us, as⁸⁰ the prices at which these books were sold were figured⁹⁰ so closely as to leave no margin for such collection¹⁰⁰ expense.

We hope that you will cheerfully comply with this, 110 our second request, and that we shall not have to 120 trouble you again with reminders.

Yours truly, (127—1.36)

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Mr. John Kenney 136 Ottawa Avenue Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Sir:

The peculiar thing about proverbs is that they¹⁰ are applicable to so many different situations. "Do not carry²⁰ all your eggs in one basket" has many applications, but³⁰ there is no doubt that the severe winter through which⁴⁰ we have just passed proves its truth in the case⁵⁰ of the man who depended for heat on the furnace⁵⁰ down in the cellar.

First, he found that the price⁷⁰ of coal had been almost doubled; second, he could obtain⁸⁰ only a limited quantity; then he found that the quality⁹⁰ was so poor that it was impossible to keep his house^{f00} comfortable.

He would not have had "all his eggs in 110 one basket" if he had invested in one of our 120 Liberty gas heaters. The limited supply of coal

allotted to¹³⁰ him would have been ample, and what he saved on¹⁴⁰ the coal which he was not permitted to buy would¹⁵⁰ have more than covered the cost of the heater. In¹⁶⁰ addition to this, he would have had the comfort of ¹⁷⁰ using it to take the chill off the house when¹⁸⁰ the weather was not quite cold enough to start the¹⁹⁰ furnace.

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Let us show you how economical and effective the²⁰⁰ Liberty gas heater is and we are sure that you²¹⁰ will not be satisfied to pass another winter without one.²²⁰

Yours very truly, (223-1.36)

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Mr. James W. Hamilton 512 Second Avenue

Meridian, Mississippi

Dear Sir

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We are offering for sale an estate of 10 40 acres in one of the most attractive sections of 20 this state, situated on a hill top about four miles 30 from the station and within two miles of a new 40 country club.

The number of places of this character is 50 small and in this case, where the price asked is 60 much below actual cost, we do not hesitate to recommend 70 the estate from every standpoint.

If you are at all⁸⁰ interested, we shall be glad to arrange for an inspection⁹⁰ of the place at a time most convenient to you.¹⁰⁰

Yours truly, (102-1.37)

Mr. Rowland Thomas, Principal
Central Commercial School
120 West Fourteenth Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Five years ago you sent me Miss¹⁰ Mary Baker, one of your graduates, who entered my employ²⁰ as stenographer and typist. During this time the young lady³⁰ has filled the position to my entire satisfaction. Now, however,⁴⁰ I find it necessary to take her from this kind⁵⁰ of work and use her in another branch of the⁶⁰ business.

If you have a girl whom you can recommend for the position I shall be glad to employ her. So I know that she will be able to write her shorthand rapidly and read her notes well. I know also 100 that she will be trained to regard my letters as 110 private and that she will not discuss them with anyone 120 either in or out of the office.

Yours respectfully, (129-1.37)

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Mrs. Roberta K. Webster 672 Sharon Avenue Springfield, Illinois

Dear Madam:

The use of the till book opens up¹⁰ an avenue of satisfaction when several purchases are made in²⁰ one day to be sent to the same address.

By30 the use of this till book each purchase

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is marked⁴⁰ with a label bearing the same number and all parcels⁵⁰ bearing this number are collected in the shipping room and⁶⁰ sent together.

The custom sometimes used in saying, "Ship with⁷⁰ other goods," does not secure this result as there is⁸⁰ no quick way of collecting all the different bundles together, ⁹⁰ and thus a delay, with additional expressage, follows. If you¹⁰⁰ have never tried shopping with a till book, we invite¹¹⁰ you to use this method when making more than one¹²⁰ purchase, as we know you will be pleased with the¹³⁰ result.

A till book, a sample of which is enclosed, ¹⁴⁰ may be easily obtained from a floor superintendent or the ¹⁵⁰ sales person who waits on you.

Very truly yours, (159—1.37)

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Mr. Walter Evers 115 Woodward Avenue Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

You asked to be notified when coal was¹⁰ at its lowest figure. We think it is at that²⁰ point now and in all probability it will begin to³⁰ advance soon at the rate of 15 cents a month.⁴⁰

If you are ready to put in your winter's supply⁵⁰ of coal and wish our representative to call, please notify⁶⁰ us on the enclosed postal card. We guarantee full weight⁷⁰ and prompt delivery.

Very truly yours, (76-1.38)

Mrs. Charles J. Elias
132 Fourth Street

Clarksburg, West Virginia

Dear Madam:

You have had an opportunity to test our¹⁰ brush thoroughly and we hope it has fully met your²⁰ expectations.

Any practical household necessity that saves time and labor³⁰ and has so many useful features is worth referring to⁴⁰ your friends. If you will give us the names of⁵⁰ ten friends or neighbors who have seen our brush or⁶⁰ might be interested in having one for their own home,⁷⁰ we will send you another brush free, all charges paid.⁸⁰ We will not use your name unless you give us⁹⁰ permission to do so.

Check the names of any who¹⁰⁰ have shown an interest in the brush or a desire¹¹⁰ to have one, and we will include free a special¹²⁰ polishing cloth for cleaning silver and jewelry.

Yours very truly, 130 (130-1.38)

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Miss Mary T. Chapell
432 Oliver Street
Wilmington, North Carolina

Dear Madam:

We are glad to mail you today, under¹⁰ separate cover, our fall style book of cloaks and gowns.²⁰ This book is more than a mere catalogue; it is³⁰ so complete in every respect that it

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will enable you⁴⁰ to shop in New York without leaving your home. By⁵⁰ ordering from the catalogue you can have the latest metropolitan⁶⁰ styles at the lowest prices.

Read page 50 and send⁷⁰ us a trial order. You may return goods that you⁸⁰ do not wish to keep and you need make no⁹⁰ explanation.

Yours respectfully, (93—1.39)

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Mr. Howard S. Barnes 12 St. Joseph Street Mobile, Alabama

Dear Mr. Barnes:

When you returned to town last September¹⁰ you said you would like to have my house again²⁰ next summer if it were in the market for rent.³⁰ I assured you that I would give you an opportunity⁴⁰ to lease the place before renting to anyone else.

The⁵⁰ time is now approaching when prospective tenants will begin to⁶⁰ look for summer homes. Real estate agents are making inquiries⁷⁰ and asking if they may show the place to applicants.⁸⁰ I do not wish to hasten your decision, but I⁹⁰ feel that if there is any uncertainty about your returning,¹⁰⁰ I should give the local agents an opportunity to show¹¹⁰ the place. If by any chance someone should decide to¹²⁰ take it, I should be liable to the agent for¹³⁰ his commission. I ought, therefore, to have your decision within¹⁴⁰ a reasonable time.

Very sincerely yours, (146-1.39)

Empire Publishing Company

258 First Avenue

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

With further reference to our letter of December 20,¹⁰ may we ask again that you instruct your messenger not²⁰ to leave the Monthly Report in the public hall but³⁰ to deliver it to our office on the twelfth floor.⁴⁰ This morning we found the last number just about to⁵⁰ be swept up by the porter.

In going over our⁶⁰ files we find that No 39 was never received,⁷⁰ owing, we presume, to carelessness on the part of your⁸⁰ messenger. Will you be kind enough to send us a⁹⁰ duplicate

of this number.

Yours truly, (96—1.39)

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Mr. Frank J. Fisher

119 Southeast First Avenue Miami, Florida

Dear Sir:

We find that your April account, amounting to¹⁰ \$34.17, has not been paid and²⁰ you have not replied to our usual monthly statements. We³⁰ notice also that the frequent orders with which you at⁴⁰ one time favored us no longer appear.

If something has⁵⁰ gone wrong we recall no mention of it in any⁶⁰ of your letters and a study of our records furnishes⁷⁰ no clue to the mysterv.

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Yours truly, 100 (100—1.39)

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Mrs. J. B. Harris 304 Third Avenue Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Madam:

Thank you for calling to our attention the¹⁰ rudeness of one of our employees. It is the policy²⁰ of this store to make friends of our patrons, and³⁰ for this reason we have placed at their disposal every⁴⁰ convenience that will add to their personal comfort. We were⁵⁰ indeed surprised to find that there was even one of⁶⁰ our force who could be guilty of rude conduct.

We⁷⁰ assure you, however, that the necessary steps have been taken⁸⁰ to make certain that the incident will not occur again.⁹⁰

Yours very truly, (93—1.39)

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Messrs. Charles A. Richards & Company
558 Pleasant Street

New Bedford, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

During the past three months we have been receiving 10 complaints from customers with regard to the quality of your 20 white paint. As none of

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them specifies the cause of³⁰ the trouble and the number of returned purchases has been⁴⁰ large, we are obliged to make an investigation at once.⁵⁰

Our own opinion is that the oil is quite inferior⁶⁰ to that which you have been using in the past.⁷⁰ We are, therefore, returning to you by express a 10-pound⁸⁰ pail for your inspection. Will you please analyze the⁹⁰ contents of this pail and make a report as soon¹⁰⁰ as possible.

Yours very truly, (195—1.39)

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Mr. Herman C. Bass 1642 South Street Peoria, Illinois

Dear Sir:

You have not replied to our letters regarding¹⁰ your overdue account. This is very discouraging to us. If²⁰ you cannot pay the amount now, you should inform us³⁰ when you expect to be able to pay.

You understand⁴⁰ the necessity for prompt collections in your own business and⁵⁰ we assure you that they are just as essential all⁶⁰ along the line. When our money fails to come in⁷⁰ on the date due, we must borrow and pay interest⁸⁰ on large sums. To meet this extra expense we are⁹⁰ compelled to increase our selling price, a course which is¹⁰⁰ disadvantageous to both of us.

May we therefore have at¹¹⁰ once either a remittance or an explanation.

Yours very truly, 120 (120-1.39)

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Mr. Edward Kennedy 103 Main Street

North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

We regret exceedingly that we must again annoy¹⁰ you regarding the measurements of your room but we find²⁰ that they do not prove correct.

We enclose a copy³⁰ of your diagram and would ask you to furnish us⁴⁰ with the measurements indicated by the dotted red lines. Also,⁵⁰ please inform us if the alcove is 5 feet 5⁶⁰ inches wide and whether you wish us to figure on⁷⁰ this room. We are very anxious to have this carpet⁸⁰ fit the room properly so as to avoid any further⁹⁰ trouble with it and hope you will understand from the¹⁰⁰ enclosed plan just what we require.

We regret the annoyance¹¹⁰ we have caused **you** in this matter and await your¹²⁰ reply.

Yours very truly, (124-1.39)

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Mr. George Baker 455 Cleveland Avenue Decatur, Illinois

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 23,¹⁰ we are pleased to give you the information for²⁰ which you ask.

Mr. Joseph Baker became our sales manager³⁰ ten years ago, and was in our employ till about⁴⁰ a year ago, when he was forced to take a⁵⁰ rest

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on account of ill health. He has spent the60 last year in travel and has completely regained his health 70. We have offered him his old position but he considers80 it advisable to have outside employment.

It gives us great⁹⁰ pleasure to recommend him for the position you mention. His100 intimate knowledge of your line of business will make him110 a valuable man for you.

Yours truly, (117—1.39)

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Mr. F. I. Loewy 600 Garrison Avenue Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of November 25,10 we sent you a leaflet describing Smith floor dressing²⁰ and its action on wood floors. We wrote you also,30 pointing out briefly what we regard as the good features40 of our product.

Since then we have learned that the odressing was applied to the floors in the buildings occupied611 by Lawrence & Company and The First National Bank, both⁷⁰ located on Church Street in your city.

These firms have 80 expressed themselves as very well satisfied and will doubtless be90 pleased to show you how the dressing has acted on 100 the floors of their respective buildings.

We would suggest that 110 you examine these floors at your first opportunity and write120 us of the result of your examination. If you wish130

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to make tests on your own account, you may have 140 a sample of the dressing for that purpose by merely 150 dropping us a line.

Very truly yours, (157-1.39)

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The Robert Clark Company
665 Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of November 23,10 I wish to say that the shoes in question were²⁰ returned by me November 5 at 9:30 a.m.³⁰ to the shoe department in which they were purchased. The40 saleswoman to whom I handed them referred me to the50 head of that department, who in turn directed me to60 the department of claims and adjustments. I explained to the⁷⁰ department head that, since I was on my way to⁸⁰ catch a train, I could not go to the adjustment 90 counter; I also said that if he could not accept100 the shoes I should take them with me and later¹¹⁰ ask you to call at my house for them. Thereupon¹²⁰ the department head accepted the shoes, assuring me that I130 should receive credit. Since you have no record of the140 return, however, he doubtless neglected to file the proper credit¹⁵⁰ memorandum. At any rate the shoes were returned and accepted 160 by your representative, and I hope you will give me170 credit for their cost.

Very truly yours, (177—1.39)

Messrs. E. M. Townsend & Company 1014 Jackson Street Dallas, Texas

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly let us know by return mail¹⁰

just when you expect to make shipment on our order²⁰ No. 542?

We are in urgent need³⁰ of several of the items included in the order and⁴⁰ should like to be able to inform our customers definitely⁵⁰ in the matter.

Very truly yours, (56—1.40)

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Mr. L. S. Jones

335 Crown Street '

Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Jones:

Confirming our conversation of yesterday, we agree¹⁰ to accept the return of the books which you purchased²⁰ some time ago, provided they are in good condition and³⁰ can be resold as new.

The writer understands that you⁴⁰ have never made use of these books and, therefore, they⁵⁰ should be in perfect condition so they can be put⁶⁰ back in stock. When the books are returned, if we⁷⁰ find them as you say, we will issue a credit⁸⁰ memorandum to balance your account.

Yours truly, (87—1.40)

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Mr. Robert A. Ferber 39 South La Salle Street Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Enclosed with this letter is a post card.¹⁰ There is nothing unusual about it, but if you will²⁰ sign and mail it you will find that you have³⁰ done not only a very easy thing but also a⁴⁰ very wise thing.

This card will bring to your attention⁵⁰ the details of an opportunity that is most unusual, the⁶⁰ kind of a chance that will in all probability never⁷⁰ come your way again. You cannot afford to neglect such⁸⁰ an opportunity. There is no reason why you should not⁹⁰ invest under the same conditions as are open to the¹⁰⁰ big financiers. We want to show you how you can¹¹⁰ do so.

The enclosed card will bring complete information without 120 obligating you in any way.

Yours truly, (127—1.40)

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Messrs. James D. Fall & Sons 391 Minnesota Street St. Paul, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

I saw Mr. James Meade today with reference to¹⁰ your claim for \$150 which you placed²⁰ in my hands for collection.

He says that he wrote³⁰ you more than two months ago regarding one case of⁴⁰ shoes which

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were inferior in grade and at the time⁵⁰ requested a credit of \$20 to which he believed60 he was entitled. He says that the letter received no⁷⁰ attention on your part.

Mr. Meade offers to make settlement 80 with his sixty-day note for \$100, indorsed 90 by A. F. Price, the balance of \$30, as¹⁰⁰ he states it, to be paid in cash. If this 110 proposed settlement meets with your approval, will you inform me120 to that effect; if not, what further action do you¹³⁰ wish me to take?

Very truly yours, (137—1.40)

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Peekskill Military Academy Peekskill, New York

Gentlemen:

We are sending you a copy of our new10 French grammar for use in high schools. This book was²⁰ published six months ago and it has already gone through³⁰ three large editions. It is in use in ten New40 England city high schools, in six New York City high50 schools, and in fifteen of the greater high schools of 60 the Middle West.

If you will read the accompanying circulars 70 you will see what some of our leading teachers are 80 saying about the book and how it is succeeding in 90 the classroom. Right in your own neighborhood, in the Newburgh¹⁰⁰ Technical School, you will find the head of the French¹¹⁰ Department most enthusiastic over the book.

I hope you will 20 give this grammar a

thorough examination and endeavor to make¹⁸⁰ a place for it in your school.

Yours truly, (139-1.40)

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Mr. R. A. Bowman 304 West Broadway Muskogee, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

You can obtain free of charge a three¹⁰ months' extension of your subscription for our magazine if you²⁰ will send us your renewal at once.

Our reason for³⁰ making you this offer is just this: Your subscription will⁴⁰ shortly expire. If you allow it to lapse and then⁵⁰ renew it later, it will mean a considerable expense to⁶⁰ us in the way of making new records and new⁷⁰ material for the machine by which your copies are addressed.⁸⁰

If, therefore, you will save us this expense by mailing 90 your check for \$3 with a renewal order, we 100 will pass along the advantage of this saving to you 110 by extending your subscription for fifteen months instead of twelve. 120 In addition, you will save yourself the annoyance of a 130 break in your subscription for a magazine that no doubt 140 has become useful in keeping you fully informed on the 150 affairs of the world.

Fill out the form at the 160 bottom of this letter and we will give you three 170 months of this invaluable service without charge.

Very truly yours, 180 (180-1.40)

Mrs. Mary E. Anderson 1220 Washington Street Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Madam:

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We were pleased to receive your inquiry in¹⁰ مو regard to the Vermont electric cleaner. Under another cover we²⁰ are sending you our illustrated booklet which will tell you³⁰ all about the Vermont cleaner and the free-trial plan.⁴⁰

We have written our local representative, Mr. James T. Welch,⁵⁰ asking him to call on you and give you a⁶⁰ demonstration of the wonderful work of the machine. He has⁷⁰ informed us that he will do so within a week.⁸⁰

The Vermont does its work so thoroughly, so quickly, and 90 so well that you punish yourself and waste your time 100 and strength by not owning one. Every afternoon that you 110 work to clean or to dust your house is a 120 wasted afternoon. Every afternoon that you are tired as a 130 result of cleaning in the morning is time wasted. When 140 you buy a Vermont you buy happy afternoons—lazy afternoons 150 if you desire them.

The cleaner may be purchased on¹⁶⁰ the instalment plan (see page 10 of the booklet). When¹⁷⁰ you realize that 3 cents' worth of electricity a week¹⁸⁰ will keep your house clean, you will buy the cleaner¹⁹⁰ at once.

Should Mr. Welch fail to arrange for a²⁰⁰ demonstration within a few days we will have a machine²¹⁰ sent to you for trial. We hope that you will²²⁰ examine it carefully.

Yours truly, (225—1.40)

Mr. Thomas Diamond 45 Grand Street Albany, New York

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 11 was received and 10 we hope you will pardon our delay in answering it. 20 We expected to have one of our representatives call on 30 you but we have been so busy in Illinois with 40 a new issue of stock that it was practically impossible 50 to send one of our men east to talk with 60 you.

We are selling the common stock of the American⁷⁰ Mill Company at \$10 a share, and if you⁸⁰ are in a position to increase your holdings at this⁹⁰ time we would suggest that you send us your check¹⁰⁰ by return mail so that we may reserve a block¹¹⁰ of the stock for you.

We are getting excellent reports¹²⁰ from the company. If you will read the enclosed pamphlet¹³⁰ and study the past, present, and possible future of the¹⁴⁰ American Mill Company, you will see that their stock is¹⁵⁰ one of the best investments on the market.

Yours truly,160 (160—1.40)

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Mr. James F. Mitchell 529 Hampshire Street Quincy, Illinois

Dear Sir:

We regret to learn from your letter of 10

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May 4, that you have not yet received our shipment²⁰ of books. We cannot understand this as the books were³⁰ shipped from here on April 15.

As we were particularly⁴⁰ anxious to give you good service, we made a special⁵⁰ effort and succeeded in getting the goods started a day⁶⁰ earlier than we promised. That the shipment is held up⁷⁰ somewhere is certainly annoying and unexpected. We have started a⁸⁰ tracer and will make every effort to locate the shipment.⁹⁰

If there are any books that you particularly need at¹⁰⁰ this time, let us know and we will send them¹¹⁰ immediately by express.

Yours truly, (115-1.41)

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Mr. N. A. Carpenter
312 Union Avenue
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

Our monthly bulletin to business men will help¹⁰ you. It is prepared from records on some 1,000²⁰ commodities, which, going back ten, twenty, and even fifty years,³⁰ cover all the important factors affected by the present and⁴⁰ future volume of business.

A subscription to the bulletin would⁵⁰ be the best sort of business insurance that you could⁶⁰ get to help you through the coming months. The cost,⁷⁰ \$50 a year, is very small compared with the⁸⁰ saving that will be possible if you follow the advice⁹⁰ in the bulletins. All you have to do to begin¹⁰⁰ the service is to sign and return

the enclosed card¹¹⁰ with your check for the first six months' period.

Very¹²⁰ truly yours, (122-1.41)

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John Reed & Company 1345 Broadway Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

We thank you for your courtesy in hurrying along¹⁰ our shipment of paper, notwithstanding the fact that your books²⁰ showed a balance against us of \$73.45.³⁰ The paper was received this morning in good⁴⁰ condition. We shall use it on some rush work we⁵⁰ are getting out.

Your letter calling our attention to the⁶⁰ balance of \$73.45 very greatly⁷⁰ surprised us, as we were under the impression that our⁸⁰ account with you was clear. Upon looking up the matter,⁹⁰ we found that the bill of goods purchased April 3¹⁰⁰ had not been entered. We are very glad, therefore, to¹¹⁰ send you our check for this amount.

We trust you¹²⁰ will pardon the oversight. Very truly yours, (127—1.41)

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Mr. H. E. Blaine 418 Park Avenue St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

We appreciate your business and are anxious

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that<sup>10</sup> the friendly relations that have existed in the past shall<sup>20</sup> continue. We are forced to say, however, that if settlement<sup>30</sup> of your account is not made within the next few<sup>40</sup> days we shall have to request our attorneys to take<sup>50</sup> care of our interest in the matter.

We regret the<sup>60</sup> necessity for sending you this letter and trust to your<sup>70</sup> sense of fairness to set the matter right by forwarding<sup>80</sup> us without delay a check in payment of the balance<sup>90</sup> due.

Yours very truly, (94-1.42)

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Messrs. W. T. Tucker & Company 308 Franklin Avenue Akron, Ohio

Gentlemen:

While we hesitate to believe that you intend to 10 make it necessary for us to use other than friendly 20 means to collect the balance of \$70 which is 30 now sixty days past due, we can hardly come to 40 any other conclusion since you are making no effort to 50 reduce this balance.

Our factory has given us ten days<sup>60</sup> in which to report collection of your account in full.<sup>70</sup> After this time the matter will be taken out of<sup>80</sup> our hands and no doubt turned over to the legal<sup>90</sup> department.

We do not want this to happen and we<sup>100</sup> know that you do not. We shall, therefore, expect your<sup>110</sup> check for \$70 before January 10.

Yours truly, (119—1.42)

Mr. G. A. Elliott 300 Market Street Canton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

We are pleased to know that Mr. Mills<sup>10</sup> succeeded in interesting you in our line of goods. The<sup>20</sup> order which he secured from you will have our close<sup>30</sup> attention and the shipment should be made the latter part<sup>40</sup> of next week. We regret that we cannot enter into<sup>50</sup> a contract with you, giving to you the exclusive right<sup>60</sup> to handle our goods in your town, such a contract<sup>70</sup> now being unlawful. We will agree, however, not to solicit<sup>80</sup> any trade from your competitors and under such conditions it<sup>90</sup> is unlikely that any of them will make an effort<sup>100</sup> to introduce our lines.

We shall immediately place an advertisement<sup>110</sup> of our goods in your weekly paper with your name<sup>120</sup> inserted as the local dealer.

With best wishes for a<sup>130</sup> prosperous season, we are

Yours truly, (136—1.42)

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Mr. Fred Ederle

415 Newman Street

Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

We thank you for your order given to<sup>10</sup> Mr. James Brown on January 12, for eight show cases<sup>20</sup> to be shipped at once on open account.

We regret<sup>30</sup> that up to the present time we

have been unable<sup>40</sup> to get sufficient information to judge of the line of<sup>50</sup> credit to which you may be entitled. For this reason<sup>60</sup> we should like to send this first order to be<sup>70</sup> paid for when delivered.

We appreciate the interest shown in 80 our merchandise and hope that this is the beginning of 90 a satisfactory business relationship.

Yours truly, (96-1.43)

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Mr. James Mason 116 West Second Street Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

This shipment went forward from here according to<sup>10</sup> the copy of the waybill attached. Mr. Mitchell, our agent<sup>20</sup> in Chicago, wrote you January 5, stating that the shipment<sup>30</sup> was transferred to your company on December 16, 4:55<sup>40</sup> p. m., signed "Stone," and requested you to trace<sup>50</sup> through to have delivery shown. We have had no reply<sup>60</sup> as yet and the shipper is demanding settlement of the<sup>70</sup> claim for the value of goods contained in the shipment,<sup>80</sup> stating that the goods have never been received by the<sup>90</sup> consignee. The package contained four pairs of silk socks, one<sup>100</sup> pair of suspenders, and two handkerchiefs.

Kindly take the matter<sup>110</sup> up again and let us hear from you as quickly<sup>120</sup> as possible.

Yours truly, (124—1.43)

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Mr. Arthur F. Banton 130 Masten Street Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of February<sup>10</sup> 4 and in accordance with your request we take pleasure<sup>20</sup> in adding your name to our mailing list in order<sup>30</sup> that you may receive copies of our new publications.

If<sup>40</sup> you are interested in any of the booklets and pamphlets<sup>50</sup> listed in the enclosed folder, we

shall be glad to60 send them to you.

Our correspondent in Buffalo, Mr. John<sup>70</sup> Adams, 110 State Street, can serve you at<sup>80</sup> any time. He has on file copies of our current<sup>90</sup> publications and is in constant touch with us over our<sup>100</sup> private wire.

Yours very truly, (105—1.43)

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Mr. James Blair 1116 Pleasant Street

Toledo, Ohio

Dear Sir:

As the warm spring weather has slowed up<sup>10</sup> our wholesale trade we are trying the plan of selling<sup>20</sup> direct to the retail consumer at wholesale prices.

We are<sup>30</sup> enclosing sketches of just a few of the many styles<sup>40</sup> in our stock. The descriptions can do no more than<sup>50</sup> tell you about the materials

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and linings. To appreciate fully<sup>60</sup> the tailoring and fit, you should see the garments and<sup>70</sup> try them on. That is the only way to convince<sup>80</sup> yourself that you can make a big saving through buying<sup>90</sup> direct from a manufacturer. No retailer can possibly quote prices<sup>100</sup> as low as we do.

Money saved is money earned. 110 A few minutes in our showrooms will do more to 120 convince you than hours of argument.

Yours truly, (128—1.43)

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Mrs. Anna Brinkley 1479 Warren Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Dear Madam:

The month of June is the month of 10 brides. And while it brings happiness to them, it generally 20 brings just a little vexation to their friends who do 30 not know what appropriate gifts to give them.

May we<sup>40</sup> suggest that a small-sized Doan rug is a very<sup>50</sup> suitable gift for anybody? It is a very happy combination<sup>60</sup> of sentiment and service and will wear as well as<sup>70</sup> your welcome in the home where it goes. It is<sup>80</sup> quality that gives long wear, and if it is a<sup>90</sup> Doan rug, that in itself is the highest possible assurance<sup>100</sup> of quality.

We shall be pleased to show you our<sup>110</sup> full line of imported and domestic rugs if you will step<sup>120</sup> in some morning this week. We urge you to do<sup>130</sup> so soon while our stock is complete.

Very truly yours, 140 (140-1.43)

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Mrs. L. V. Andrews 213 Main Street

Davenport, Iowa

Dear Madam:

In checking up our charge accounts we notice<sup>10</sup> your name in the group of people who have bought<sup>20</sup> nothing from our store for over a

year.

We are<sup>30</sup> anxious to know if it is our fault that you<sup>40</sup> no longer visit our store. We endeavor to furnish our<sup>50</sup> customers with the best goods procurable, at the most reasonable<sup>60</sup> prices. We try to employ only clerks who are intelligent,<sup>70</sup> courteous, and eager to do their best to satisfy our<sup>80</sup> customers.

If there has been any inattention or lack of 90 courtesy on the part of any of our employees, or 100 if there is a lack in our equipment that you 110 can suggest, we shall consider it a favor if you 120 will write us candidly, giving your impressions.

We enclose a<sup>130</sup> stamped envelope for your convenience.

Yours very truly, (138-1.43)

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Messrs. Frankel & Nelson 1007 State Street Erie, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

We regret to learn from your letter of January<sup>10</sup> 19 that a shortage exists in the shipment made on<sup>20</sup> your order of January 3.

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Upon investigation, we find by<sup>30</sup> the record of our shipping department that the order was<sup>40</sup> complete when it left our house. The fact that our<sup>50</sup> own wagon carried the case to the freight house seems<sup>60</sup> also to indicate that the shortage occurred after the goods<sup>70</sup> reached the railway company. We would suggest, therefore, that you<sup>80</sup> take up the matter with your local freight agent, or,<sup>90</sup> if you desire, we shall be glad to make claim<sup>100</sup> at this end for the shortage. In the meantime, we<sup>110</sup> are sending today by express the items which according to<sup>120</sup> your letter constitute the shortage. We trust that failure in<sup>130</sup> getting the full shipment in the first place has not<sup>140</sup> resulted in any loss to you.

Very truly yours, (149—1.43)

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Mrs. J. T. Madison 478 Seventh Avenue Brooklyn, New York

Dear Madam:

Because you are a patron of our store<sup>10</sup> we assume you know its standards—its service—its way<sup>20</sup> of doing business.

But do you know of the special<sup>30</sup> development of these points in the tire section? Has it<sup>40</sup> come to your attention that we sell tires under the<sup>50</sup> same conditions as silks and jewelry and furniture? There seems<sup>60</sup> to be no reason why tires should be selected in<sup>70</sup> the dull surroundings of a repair shop. We have found<sup>80</sup> that men and women are glad to have the brightness,<sup>90</sup> cleanling

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ness, and courtesy of a store like ours applied to 100 motor car equipment.

We recommend our special cord tires because<sup>110</sup> they meet every requirement of first cost and final mileage.<sup>120</sup> They carry our full guarantee.

Your orders, whether given in<sup>130</sup> person or by mail or telephone, will have the same<sup>140</sup> careful attention which they have always received from every department<sup>150</sup> of our business.

Very truly yours, (156—1.43)

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Mr. J. B. Blackwell

83 Fairfield Avenue

Bridgeport, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

This is an invitation to you to become<sup>10</sup> an active member of the Institute of Arts and Sciences.<sup>20</sup> It is necessary for every man to have an interest<sup>30</sup> that will take his mind off the problems of business<sup>40</sup> after his office door closes. The Institute this year is<sup>50</sup> offering a program of such variety that it will make<sup>60</sup> a strong appeal to everyone interested in any phase of<sup>70</sup> education, music, art, or science.

How about that list of 80 books you promised yourself you would read when you found 90 the time? Why not join the Institute and register in 100 our course in American Literature? We feel sure the pleasure 110 and profit you will get out of it will be 120 worth to you several times as much as the annual 120 dues.

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Fill out the enclosed blank, mark the courses or 140 lectures in which you are interested, and mail it to 150 us with your check.

Very truly yours, (157—1.43)

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Mr. Arthur Du Bois 307 Federal Street Bluefield, West Virginia

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of <sup>10</sup> September 24 regarding your failure to receive your copy<sup>20</sup> of our magazine which, according to our records, has been<sup>30</sup> mailed to you every month since January.

Your address on<sup>40</sup> our mailing list seems to agree with the one contained<sup>50</sup> in your letter. It is not possible that the magazine<sup>60</sup> could have been miscarried in the mails every month since<sup>70</sup> January. I am forced to the conclusion that some person<sup>80</sup> in your school is getting the magazine. Perhaps your librarian<sup>90</sup> receives it with the other current periodicals and places it<sup>100</sup> in the reading room.

We regret the trouble you have<sup>110</sup> been caused and are sending you in the same mail with<sup>120</sup> this letter copies of the magazine for the past four<sup>130</sup> months. I would suggest that you give us your home<sup>140</sup> address so that future numbers of the magazine may be<sup>150</sup> less likely to go astray.

Yours very truly, (158-1.43)

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Mr. Albert Jamison 129 Church Street

New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

We have not as yet received your customary<sup>10</sup> order for a copy of the new Trade List Annual,20 which has been ready for delivery for some weeks past.30 At the opening of the active book-selling season, it40 is wise to have this file of the dealers' latest<sup>50</sup> catalogue at hand for ready reference. The catalogue costs but60 \$2.50, although it weighs 15 pounds.

> Kindly<sup>70</sup> send shipping directions with order. Yours truly, (77—1.44)

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Mr. Clarence K. Bailey Broadway and First Avenue Billings, Montana

Dear Sir:

If you are in the market for stocks<sup>10</sup> or bonds we shall be glad to send our representative<sup>20</sup> to your office with a full list and prices. We30 have just purchased some bonds which we can offer at40 a price that will yield about 5 per cent on50 the investment. The bond issue has been carefully investigated by60 our legal department.

We desire to emphasize specially the care<sup>70</sup> that we exercise to insure absolute safety to all investors<sup>80</sup> who make their purchases through us. Very truly yours, (89—1.44)

Messrs. Demarest & Beyer Utilities Building

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Gentlemen:

We receive from day to day a number of 10 collection items which we should like to send you if20 you are willing to receive them under the conditions prescribed30 for the members of the New York Clearing House.

In<sup>40</sup> return we offer to collect items payable in your section<sup>50</sup> of the country on a reasonable balance on which we60 will allow 2 per cent interest.

If you are interested, 70 may we not hear from you on the matter?

Very<sup>80</sup> truly yours, (82—1.44)

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Mr. James A. Scott Hastings, New York Dear Sir:

Mr. Smith of this company reports that in 10 a conversation with him sometime ago you stated that our<sup>20</sup> charge for the water meter which was installed in your<sup>30</sup> cottage at Hastings had been offset by some claims concerning40 the house at or about the time of the sale<sup>50</sup> to you.

Our agent, Mr. Thomas, does not remember anything60 concerning this arrangement, but if you will kindly send us<sup>70</sup> a memorandum of the work which you had done, or 80 which we neglected to do, we shall be greatly obliged 90 and shall try

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to have the account closed up to 100 our mutual satisfaction.

Yours respectfully, (105—1.44)

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Mr. Russell H. Wicks 801 West Eighth Street Sedalia, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Your request for information concerning the present condition<sup>10</sup> of the market in dress goods is at hand.

The<sup>20</sup> sales for the months of July and August show more<sup>30</sup> business than in the corresponding months last year in spite<sup>40</sup> of the fact that the trend of the styles is<sup>50</sup> rather unsettled. Manufacturers are still uncertain as to what will<sup>60</sup> be the leading styles for the coming fall or as<sup>70</sup> to what direction the demand for holiday goods will take.<sup>80</sup> The big houses usually do not make their selections till<sup>90</sup> the season is further advanced.

We shall write you more<sup>100</sup> definitely later. Very truly yours, (105—1.44)

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Messrs. Clarke & Frost 335 South Main Street Akron, Ohio

Gentlemen:

We wish to call your attention to the line<sup>10</sup> of goods we offer for the jobbing trade. We feel<sup>20</sup>

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sure that we can interest you in our prices. At<sup>30</sup> the present time we are getting out a most attractive<sup>40</sup> line, unsurpassed for beauty of design or excellence of quality.<sup>50</sup> If you will give us an opportunity to show you<sup>60</sup> the goods, we are sure that the result will be<sup>70</sup> to our mutual profit.

Our representative will be with you<sup>80</sup> early next month and we respectfully request that you accord<sup>90</sup> to him a brief opportunity to show you his samples<sup>100</sup> and explain our methods of doing business.

Yours truly, (109—1.44)

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Mr. David H. Anderson 1340 Arch Street Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Please accept our thanks for your remittance of <sup>10</sup> June 12 and also for your valued order. Enclosed is <sup>20</sup> one of our regular time-payment order forms, partly filled <sup>30</sup> in according to your letter, so that you have only <sup>40</sup> to fill in the remaining blanks that apply to your <sup>50</sup> case and sign your name.

Ordinarily we can ship engines<sup>60</sup> within five days after receiving the contract unless extras are<sup>70</sup> ordered, which require a longer time at the factory, as<sup>80</sup> explained in the catalogue quotation. In order that we may<sup>90</sup> be able to give you prompt service, please sign the<sup>100</sup> contract and mail it at once in the stamped envelope<sup>110</sup> enclosed.

Very truly yours, (114—1.44)

Miss Helen Bedwell

528 West Brunswick Street

Brunswick, Maryland

Dear Madam:

With reference to the feather boa returned to<sup>10</sup> us for credit, we wish to state that the active<sup>20</sup> season for this class of merchandise has closed, thereby making<sup>30</sup> it impossible for us to dispose of it. Had this<sup>40</sup> boa, which was purchased at Christmas time, been returned to<sup>50</sup> us earlier, we probably could have disposed of it to<sup>60</sup> your advantage but at this season we are unable to<sup>70</sup> do so.

An appreciation of your active account and our<sup>80</sup> pleasant business relations with you cause us to regret that<sup>90</sup> in this instance we are not permitted to be of <sup>100</sup> service to you.

We return the boa, believing that in<sup>110</sup> view of the above explanation you will wish us to<sup>120</sup> do so.

Yours very truly, (125-1.44)

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Mr. George Diamond 2000 Aldrich Avenue

San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

In 1913 you employed us to make<sup>10</sup> a detailed appraisal of your plant. While this appraisal might<sup>20</sup> still serve as a fairly accurate estimate of your equipment,<sup>30</sup> the marked increase in the

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cost of all material has<sup>40</sup> destroyed its value as a basis for placing insurance and<sup>50</sup> for settling a loss should any occur.

We think that<sup>60</sup> you will agree with us that lower prices are not<sup>70</sup> to be looked for in the near future. Many of<sup>80</sup> our clients are having their prewar appraisals revised. We strongly<sup>90</sup> urge that you also do this, as a majority of<sup>100</sup> the plants that have recently come under our notice have<sup>110</sup> been found to be underinsured. To have your property insured<sup>120</sup> for less than its value means unnecessary risk for you.<sup>130</sup>

Yours truly, (132—1.44)

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The William Morris Company 1102 Astor Street Detroit, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your order of January 15 for 10 tennis rackets.

We wish we were able to place your<sup>20</sup> name on our books, as all the companies to whom<sup>30</sup> you refer regarding credit speak highly of your business transactions<sup>40</sup> with them.

For a number of years it has been<sup>50</sup> the policy of our house to grant the exclusive agency<sup>60</sup> for the sale of our products to one firm in<sup>70</sup> a city. As long as the volume of business from<sup>80</sup> this agency is satisfactory, this arrangement should remain in force.<sup>90</sup> As the Johnson Company in your city already has the<sup>100</sup> agency, you can understand why we must decline your valued<sup>110</sup> order.

Your inquiry has been placed on file and should<sup>120</sup> we later decide to make any change in agents we<sup>130</sup> shall be glad to take up this matter with you<sup>140</sup> again.

We appreciate the interest you have shown

in our 150 product.

Truly yours, (153—1.44)

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The Barnes Lumber Company 113 East Plume Street Norfolk, Virginia

Gentlemen:

We have your letter requesting our advice as to<sup>10</sup> the best type of motor truck equipment for hauling ore<sup>20</sup> a distance of seven miles over fair roads, trucks being<sup>30</sup> loaded when traveling down grade.

We do not know enough40 of your special problem to give you much help. In50 general, the larger the capacity of the truck used the60 lower are the fixed charges and the cost per ton<sup>70</sup> mile. On the other hand, unless the roads are fairly80 well improved, they may not withstand the effect of the 90 largest truck during certain parts of the year. The smaller 100-sized truck, with trailer, would give you a rather flexible110 arrangement and would be somewhat less destructive of the road<sup>120</sup> surface. You state that the run, under load, is down130 grade; you should be sure, then, that the braking power<sup>140</sup> of your truck and trailer combination is sufficient to secure150 safety and will not lead to undue expense for renewals.160

We advise you to request a few of the large<sup>170</sup> truck manufacturers to send representatives to study your problem on<sup>180</sup> the ground and then to make suitable recommendations.

Very truly<sup>190</sup> yours, (191—1.44)

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Mr. A. M. Jackson 335 Shepherd Avenue Brooklyn, New York

Dear Sir:

We are indeed sorry to learn that you<sup>10</sup> are dissatisfied with our method of shipping your order, which<sup>20</sup> went forward by express on January 28.

The order<sup>30</sup> sent in by our salesman does not show any shipping<sup>40</sup> instructions. Possibly, when placing the order with Mr. Banks, you<sup>50</sup> failed to state the manner in which you wished the<sup>60</sup> shipment made. In such cases we assume that the decision<sup>70</sup> is left to us. On account of the scarcity of<sup>80</sup> this particular class of merchandise among the retailers we made<sup>90</sup> shipment by express, believing that we were serving your best<sup>100</sup> interests.

We want you to be satisfied, however, and will<sup>110</sup> allow you the difference between the express charges which you<sup>120</sup> paid and the amount you would have paid had the<sup>130</sup> goods been shipped by freight. Please deduct this amount when<sup>140</sup> remitting.

Very truly yours, (144—1.45)

Mr. Henry R. Perkins
226 Carondelet Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

The shipment expressed by us as per receipt<sup>10</sup> attached was returned to shippers several days ago. When they<sup>20</sup> opened the crate the glass was missing, the picture scratched,<sup>30</sup> and the frame broken beyond repair.

Will you kindly report<sup>40</sup> condition of shipment on arrival at your office, state whether<sup>50</sup> delivery was made to consignee, and if possible explain the<sup>60</sup> damage. Will you also furnish us with copies of your<sup>70</sup> non-delivery notices and of the waybills on which this<sup>80</sup> shipment was received and returned.

As a claim has been<sup>90</sup> filed for the damage, we should like to hear from<sup>100</sup> you by return mail.

Very truly yours, (107—1.45)

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Mr. M. A. Bennett 1401 Broadway Oakland, California

Dear Sir:

This is in answer to your letter of 10 June 13, in which you make inquiry about clocks. The 20 unfilled orders which we now have on hand will consume 30 our entire output for the next five months. It is 40 therefore impossible to promise delivery on orders entered at this 50 time.

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Owing to the uncertain conditions of the metal market<sup>60</sup> and our inability to protect ourselves in the purchase of<sup>70</sup> raw material, it has been necessary to withdraw quotations. All<sup>80</sup> orders received are placed on file to be billed at<sup>90</sup> prices prevailing at the time of shipment.

We regret that 100 existing abnormal conditions prevent us from giving you our usual 110

prompt service.

Yours very truly, (115—1.45)

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Mrs. Katherine Kean 346 North Main Street Abingdon, Illinois

Dear Madam:

In reply to your recent request, we are <sup>16</sup> mailing you under another cover our book on the care <sup>20</sup> and finish of woodwork. This book contains expert advice on <sup>30</sup> the care and finish of floors, furniture, and interior woodwork. <sup>40</sup> It is an excellent book to read and keep for <sup>50</sup> future reference. It gives the only satisfactory answer to the <sup>60</sup> question of how to protect the finish of your floors. <sup>70</sup>

Enclosed is a list of dealers in your city who so carry a stock of our products. You will be able to secure them from any one of these firms.

We<sup>100</sup> shall be pleased to give you any special information that<sup>110</sup> you desire in regard to your particular floor problem.

Yours<sup>120</sup> truly, (121-1.45

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National Stationery Supplies Company 817 Frelinghuysen Avenue Elizabeth, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

There must be some mistake in the prices for 10 the typewriter paper billed us yesterday. If these prices are 20 correct, please hold shipment until we can satisfy ourselves that 30 they are not too high. You must be sending us 40 paper of a superior quality or else you are charging 50 an excessive price. We could not use paper at that 50 price, since very few of our customers are willing to 70 pay more than \$2 a ream.

We did not<sup>80</sup> indicate the price on our order as your letter of<sup>90</sup> December stated that the catalogue prices were no longer correct.<sup>100</sup> Your service in the past has always been entirely satisfactory,<sup>110</sup> but it seems to us that you have not been<sup>120</sup> consistent in your increase of prices for this commodity.

We<sup>130</sup> shall be governed by your reply.

Yours very truly, (139—1.45)

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Mr. J. I. Hubbart
Fifth Avenue Building
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Your advertisement in the Sunday *New York Times*<sup>10</sup> states that you want a stenographer who has some knowledge<sup>20</sup> of Spanish.

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I am a graduate of the Orange High<sup>30</sup> School, Orange, New Jersey, where I studied Spanish for four<sup>40</sup> years. Although I have had no business experience, I have<sup>50</sup> enough knowledge of shorthand and typewriting to take dictation at<sup>60</sup> 100 words a minute and to transcribe my notes<sup>70</sup> at 50 words a minute.

I have studied these subjects<sup>80</sup> for the pure

I have studied these subjects<sup>80</sup> for the purpose of going into the importing business, which<sup>90</sup> has always had a special attraction for me. I shall<sup>100</sup> greatly appreciate it if you will permit me to call<sup>110</sup> on you so that you may see if I am<sup>120</sup> fitted for this work.

Enclosed are letters of recommendation from 130 my principal and from my teacher of shorthand and typewriting. 140

Respectfully yours, (142—1.45)

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Mr. Roger D. Walker 31 Exchange Street Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

I enclose papers regarding a claim for 90<sup>10</sup> cents for damage to an umbrella of which this shipment<sup>20</sup> consisted. Will you inform me of the condition in which<sup>30</sup> the shipment was received and delivered, the manner in which<sup>40</sup> it was packed, and the apparent cause of damage? Kindly<sup>50</sup> have the consignee execute the attached waiver, assigning claim to<sup>60</sup> shippers, and send me a copy of the waybill on<sup>70</sup> which the shipment reached your office.

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As this claim has<sup>80</sup> been under investigation for some time, I shall be obliged<sup>90</sup> if you will give the matter your prompt attention and<sup>100</sup> let me have an early reply with return of papers.<sup>110</sup>

Yours very truly, (113—1.46)

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Mr. James Neil 1172 Rhodes Avenue Akron, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a<sup>10</sup> letter from the Brooks Manufacturing Company, St. Louis, Missouri, also<sup>20</sup> a blue print that they sent us. We have written<sup>30</sup> these people, advising them that the matter has been referred<sup>40</sup> to you, as you look after our interests in the<sup>50</sup> territory in which their company is located. We enclose a<sup>60</sup> schedule of style No. 7 locker.

If you should secure<sup>70</sup> the order for these lockers, please return the enclosed blue<sup>80</sup> print, as we have not kept a copy.

Please give<sup>90</sup> this matter your early attention. Yours very truly, (98—1.4()

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Mr. Theodore F. Hammond 1439 East Davis Street Taunton, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

As soon as I received your letter of 10 January

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17, I saw Mr. Green of the State Mutual<sup>20</sup> Life Insurance Company. He explained that the letter you mention<sup>30</sup> had reference only to the purchase of additional insurance and<sup>40</sup> did not have any bearing on your present policies, which<sup>50</sup> are in full force till June next.

From what he<sup>60</sup> told me I concluded that it was a letter similar<sup>70</sup> to that written you by Frank Davis, giving you the<sup>80</sup> opportunity to secure new insurance on the basis of your<sup>90</sup> present age. I am enclosing a copy of the letter<sup>100</sup> that Mr. Green thinks is the one to which you<sup>110</sup> refer. If it is not, please inform me.

Yours very 120 truly, (121-1.46)

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Mr. Theodore Clarke
112 Pearl Street
Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir:

We regret to learn that the shipment of the crockery on January 20 reached you in a damaged condition. These goods were very carefully packed, receiving the personal attention of the superintendent of our shipping department, and the damage must have been caused by very reckless handling on the part of the railway employees.

Do you wish to keep<sup>60</sup> the goods at a discount of 20 per cent from<sup>70</sup> our invoice price? If not, you may return them to<sup>80</sup> us at our expense.

In response to your directions we<sup>90</sup> are shipping today a duplicate of the order referred to<sup>100</sup>

above, for which we enclose invoice. We hope that this 110 shipment will reach you in time to meet the demands 120 of all of your customers.

Yours very truly, (128-1.46)

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Atlantic Gas Company

Atlantic City, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

Your letter of August 4, stating that you found<sup>10</sup> the reading of August 2 the same as that of<sup>20</sup> August 1, has been received.

The enclosed bill for the<sup>30</sup> use of gas from June 18 to August 1 shows<sup>40</sup> the reading of the meter was 29,600<sup>50</sup> cubic feet. I have received a letter from the<sup>60</sup> tenant in the bungalow, Henry Adams, giving a reading of<sup>70</sup> the meter as it was on August 1. This enclosed<sup>80</sup> reproduction shows that from June 18 to August 1 the<sup>90</sup> meter indicated only 22,500 cubic feet<sup>100</sup> of gas used.

Please send somebody to read the meter<sup>110</sup> again.

Very truly yours, (114-1.46)

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Messrs. L. J. Philips & Company 225 Fourth Avenue New York City

Gentlemen:

We are very glad to learn from your 10 letter

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of May 27 that you have been successful<sup>20</sup> in securing a tenant for our Ninth Avenue property.

We<sup>30</sup> feel that Messrs. Lambert and Company will find the building<sup>40</sup> suitable for their purposes in every respect, as it is<sup>50</sup> fitted with all modern appliances. It is located close to<sup>60</sup> the freight terminals of two large railroads and is only<sup>70</sup> a short distance from the wharves of the steamship lines<sup>80</sup> to all South American ports.

Mr. Brown is at present<sup>90</sup> out of the city, but if you will send us<sup>100</sup> a copy of the lease, we will forward it to<sup>110</sup> him at once for his approval.

Possession may be had 120 immediately.

Yours very truly, (124-1.46)

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Mr. Charles T. Marsh
52 South Main Street
Gloversville, New York

Dear Sir:

For the past fifteen years we have been<sup>10</sup> privileged to take care of your insurance in this office.<sup>20</sup> We feel therefore that we may take the liberty of <sup>30</sup> bringing to your attention a matter that is so vital<sup>40</sup> to your interest.

Since building material of all kinds has<sup>50</sup> advanced in price, in some cases even to twice what<sup>60</sup> it was two years ago when you renewed your policies,<sup>70</sup> should a fire take place on any of the property<sup>80</sup> covered by these policies you would unfortunately find yourself very<sup>90</sup> much underinsured and it would be necessary for you to<sup>100</sup> stand a heavy loss.

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We would respectfully urge, therefore, that<sup>110</sup> you forward instructions to increase your present insurance at least<sup>120</sup> 40 per cent. This will afford you adequate protection, although<sup>130</sup> the cost is but a trifle.

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We assure you that 140 we are looking after your interests at all times.

Yours<sup>150</sup> very truly, (152—1.46)

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Mr. James B. Fennell 1319 Farnam Street Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

With this invoice we are enclosing a trade<sup>10</sup> acceptance form filled out, which we are going to ask<sup>20</sup> you to sign across the face on the lines provided<sup>30</sup> for that purpose. By signing this acceptance you indicate your<sup>40</sup> approval of the latest development in business. You indicate that<sup>50</sup> you desire to be a leader and not a "trailer"<sup>60</sup> in this great movement looking toward the placing of our<sup>70</sup> commerce on a sound basis.

We are simply asking you<sup>80</sup> to put into negotiable form the obligation you assume in<sup>90</sup> purchasing goods on other than cash terms. There is no<sup>100</sup> added cost in doing this; in fact, it will mean<sup>110</sup> a saving, in that the acceptance places the burden of<sup>120</sup> financing where it rightfully belongs.

We have placed your name 130 on this acceptance as an evidence of our faith in 140 your desire and ability to settle any obligation that you 150

may assume. We are asking you to strengthen our credit<sup>160</sup> by placing your name also on the acceptance. We, in<sup>170</sup> turn, strengthen your credit by presenting to our banks a<sup>180</sup> piece of paper bearing both of our names, with a<sup>190</sup> guarantee that the obligation will be paid promptly when due.<sup>200</sup> Our interests are mutual in this regard—ours to present<sup>210</sup> only paper bearing good names, yours to meet such paper<sup>220</sup> promptly.

Very truly yours, (224—1.46)

#### 103

Mr. Charles A. Carter
710 Market Street
Parkersburg, West Virginia

Dear Sir:

During a long term of years you have<sup>10</sup> been selling to your trade various articles of wearing apparel<sup>20</sup> manufactured by us from crude rubber. Our business relations have<sup>30</sup> been most pleasant because the quality we built into our<sup>40</sup> goods and the guarantee we offered assured you of satisfied<sup>50</sup> customers.

We now wish to bring to your attention a<sup>60</sup> new tire manufactured by us in which you can place<sup>70</sup> the same confidence. It has been our determination to produce<sup>80</sup> a tire of the highest quality and endurance and we<sup>90</sup> believe we have succeeded. We therefore ask your cooperation in<sup>100</sup> placing this tire before the public.

Our representative, Mr. Johnson,<sup>110</sup> will call on you Thursday morning to explain the project<sup>126</sup>

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in detail. We feel confident that when you have heard what he has to say, your name will be on on books for a good-sized order.

Yours very truly, 150 (150—1.46)

#### 104

Mr. J. R. Baker 649 Columbus Avenue New York, New York

Dear Sir:

The firm of Borden and Company has placed 10 in our hands for collection a claim against you for 20 \$185, together with your letters to 30 them with reference to this indebtedness. This account is overdue 40 and unless we have your remittance before June 2550 we shall begin suit to enforce payment.

Yours truly, (59—1.47)

## 105

Mr. P. S. Bacon

540 Manchester Street Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Sir:

Mr. James Hunt, of 110 Washington<sup>10</sup> Avenue, wishes to open an account with us. We understand<sup>20</sup> that he is known to you. Kindly give us in<sup>30</sup> strict confidence any information you may have as to his<sup>40</sup> financial standing, worthiness, and custom of paying bills. We shall<sup>50</sup> be pleased to reciprocate at any time.

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Thank you in 60 advance for such information as you may give us.

Yours<sup>70</sup> very truly, (72—1.47)

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Mr. Henry I. Payne
331 Broadway
Paducah, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of April 5,<sup>10</sup> we are forwarding, under another cover, seventy-five of our<sup>20</sup> September bulletins and have placed your name on our mailing<sup>30</sup> list to receive one hundred of each month's issue.

We<sup>40</sup> are specially pleased to send these bulletins since your request<sup>50</sup> indicates that you intend to push our line of goods<sup>60</sup> with your customers.

If you have occasion to use a<sup>70</sup> greater number, kindly let us know and additional copies will.<sup>80</sup> be sent.

Very truly yours, (85—1.47)

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Mr. Edward H. Jackson 500 North Fourth Street St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

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I was greatly pleased to learn today that the Wilson Company handled 507 carloads of automobiles 20 during the month of April. This is

a big volume<sup>30</sup> of business. It is a great tribute to you personally,<sup>40</sup> to your organization, and to the product you sell. We<sup>50</sup> are certainly pleased that the Wilson Company is located on<sup>60</sup> our lines and that we can assist you in taking<sup>70</sup> care of your increasing business.

I wish you would tell<sup>80</sup> me sometime how such things are accomplished.

Yours truly, (89-1.47)

#### 108

Mr. William F. Deegan 337 Harrison Avenue Westfield, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

It is a source of particular regret to<sup>10</sup> me that I cannot be present at today's meeting of<sup>20</sup> the association. I desired very much to hear the reading<sup>30</sup> of the report of the finance committee and to record<sup>40</sup> my vote in favor of its adoption.

I trust that<sup>50</sup> you will attend the meeting and do what you can<sup>60</sup> to secure favorable action on the report.

Very truly yours, 70 (70—1.47)

## 109

Mr. George A. Johnson 65 Whitehall Road Albany, New York

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On January 5, we wrote you, requesting10

that you fill in, sign, and return to us the<sup>20</sup> blank statement that was enclosed in our letter.

We know<sup>30</sup> that you have been very busy with the other details<sup>40</sup> of your business. Possibly you have been waiting to take<sup>50</sup> inventory or make the annual closing of your books in<sup>60</sup> order to get the exact figures.

Will you not cooperate<sup>70</sup> with us by returning the signed statement at this time<sup>80</sup> or giving us a letter of explanation in the enclosed<sup>90</sup> stamped envelope.

Sincerely yours, (94-1.47)

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Messrs. Church & Case 1420 Main Street Plainfield, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date<sup>10</sup> and in compliance with your request have sent you samples<sup>20</sup> and prices with discounts. We hope they will answer your<sup>30</sup> requirements and enable you to make a suitable selection. We<sup>40</sup> can assure you that your order will receive careful attention.<sup>50</sup>

Should you not find among the samples one that exactly<sup>60</sup> pleases you, we will gladly send another lot if you<sup>70</sup> write us, stating just what you wish.

We desire your<sup>80</sup> trade, and if good, reliable, up-to-date printing at<sup>90</sup> low prices will gain it, we feel certain that your<sup>100</sup> name will soon be on our large and rapidly increasing<sup>110</sup> list of satisfied

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customers. We shall appreciate even a small<sup>120</sup> order.

Yours truly, (123—1.47)

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Mr. Robert Graham 62 Forbes Street Sandusky, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Your telephone message asking for information with reference<sup>10</sup> to the exchange value of your secondhand car has been<sup>20</sup> referred to our used-car department. That department will try<sup>30</sup> to arrange an appointment with you at an early date, and<sup>40</sup> I feel sure that you will receive an attractive offer.<sup>50</sup>

This year's Traveler is a bargain. No car carries a<sup>60</sup> better motor and no car has a better record for<sup>70</sup> endurance and economy. It is the product of ten years'<sup>80</sup> steady improvement.

Whether you choose a sedan or a touring<sup>90</sup> model, you will get the utmost in everything that goes<sup>100</sup> to make a car what you would like to have<sup>110</sup> it, and you will get this without being extravagant. Substantial<sup>120</sup> improvements make the present price in reality about \$200<sup>130</sup> under that of last year. Do you know that<sup>140</sup> we can take orders only for future delivery? The five<sup>150</sup> models now on the floor are sold.

Very truly yours, 160 (160-1.47)

The William & Wilkins Company Chestnut and Swanson Streets San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

Your demand for prompt settlement of my overdue account<sup>10</sup> amounting to \$6.58 calls for an<sup>20</sup> explanation of the circumstances on which this charge is based.<sup>30</sup>

Last June we purchased one of your oak dressers. When<sup>40</sup> this piece of furniture was delivered it was badly marred<sup>50</sup> in several places. This fact was explained to you and<sup>60</sup> you sent a workman to repair the damage. As soon<sup>70</sup> as your bill appeared for this service we explained the<sup>80</sup> circumstances again. Our letter was not answered and the statement<sup>90</sup> of our indebtedness has appeared monthly.

The charge for this <sup>190</sup> service was, of course, a mistake on your part. This <sup>110</sup> piece of furniture should have been delivered in perfect condition <sup>120</sup> and we have, therefore, no intention of paying the cost <sup>130</sup> of refinishing.

Very truly yours, (135—1.47)

## 113

Mr. James Hussey 145 West End Avenue New York, New York

Dear Sir:

In this morning's mail I received the policy<sup>10</sup> of the Continental Fire Insurance Company,

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which amounted to \$2,000,20 covering the furniture and fixtures in my office30 at 285 Clinton Street. Enclosed with the40 policy was a bill for \$36 as premium50 for one year. This rate seemed to be very high,60 so I called your representative, Mr. Brown, on the telephone70 and asked him for an explanation.

He stated that the<sup>80</sup> rate was high because, according to your records, the second<sup>90</sup> floor of the building was occupied by a manufacturer of<sup>100</sup> dresses. I wish to inform you that this manufacturer moved<sup>110</sup> about three months ago and the floor is now vacant.<sup>120</sup>

Will you please arrange with the underwriters to have one 130 of their representatives inspect the building and give us a 140 new rating.

Yours truly, (144-1.48)

# 114

Mrs. Sarah Clarke 175 Broadway Paterson, New Jersey

Dear Madam:

In the hope that we may be of<sup>10</sup> some assistance to you in completing your shopping list for<sup>20</sup> the summer season, we are taking the liberty of calling<sup>30</sup> your attention to our mesh bags. Our complete assortment offers<sup>40</sup> a wealth of unusually pretty styles at moderate prices. One<sup>50</sup> of the popular models is in green gold finish, with<sup>60</sup> engraved frame and woven strap handle. You will find it<sup>70</sup> listed at \$8.95 on page 16<sup>80</sup> of the catalogue.

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Another popular model, which sells for \$7.50,90 is the bag pictured on page 8.100 It is of ring mesh, attached to a narrow frame110 in conventional design. This comes in two styles of handle,120 either the woven strap or the link chain.

A visit<sup>130</sup> to our jewelry department to investigate these bags will prove<sup>140</sup> profitable to you.

Yours very truly, (146-1.48)

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The Novelty Manufacturing Company 50 Genesee Street Utica, New York

Gentlemen:

Thank you for complying with our request to forward<sup>10</sup> your watch for attention. Upon examination the movement showed no<sup>20</sup> trace of an original defect. However, since the watch has<sup>30</sup> not given entire satisfaction and you have been unsuccessful in<sup>40</sup> getting it to run as it should, we will put<sup>50</sup> it in first-class order for you without charge. Our<sup>60</sup> interest in Swiss movements does not cease when they have<sup>70</sup> been sold since it is our desire that they shall<sup>80</sup> give dependable service.

A regular repair department is not maintained on in our factory. When a movement is received by us 100 for attention it is put through a process of manufacture 110 and this usually requires about two months' time.

Yours truly, 120 (120-1.48)

Cyrus G. Hollingsworth Company 1819 Adams Street Springfield, Illinois

Gentlemen:

We enclose our check for \$260.20<sup>10</sup> in payment of your invoice of May 2,<sup>20</sup> less 3 per cent discount.

Although notices on your invoices<sup>30</sup> direct customers to remit in New York or Chicago exchange,<sup>40</sup> we find it much more convenient to use our personal<sup>50</sup> check. If this is acceptable to you we shall continue<sup>60</sup> to use it. The cost of collection may be charged<sup>70</sup> to our account.

Yours truly, (75—1.49)

# 117

Messrs. H. W. Lindsey & Company 842 Summit Street Portsmouth, Ohio

Gentlemen:

We wrote you recently that if a shortage or <sup>10</sup> damage had occurred in our shipment of December 18 and <sup>20</sup> you would forward the freight bill showing the shortage or <sup>30</sup> damage signed by the agent, we should be glad to <sup>40</sup> handle the case for you and credit your account with <sup>50</sup> the amount. As we have not heard from you, we <sup>60</sup> are wondering if you received our letter.

If we do<sup>70</sup> not hear from you within the next few days we<sup>80</sup> shall understand that you do not want us to do<sup>90</sup> anything further. In any event

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we want you to know 100 that we shall be glad to assist you.

Yours very 110 truly, (111-1.49)

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Mrs. Ruth Mehler 861 Sixth Street

San Diego, California

Dear Madam:

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Thank you for your inquiry of June 7<sup>10</sup> about insurance on your new car.

The regular standard policy<sup>20</sup> in any one of the several large companies will cost<sup>30</sup> you 3½ per cent. This year, however,<sup>40</sup> a new company known as the Merchants' Insurance Association has<sup>50</sup> been issuing a policy at a slightly reduced rate. This<sup>60</sup> will cost you 3¼ per cent if<sup>70</sup> the car is kept in a public garage, and 3½ per cent if in a private garage.<sup>90</sup> I have written many policies of both kinds all of<sup>100</sup> which have given satisfaction.

I await your decision in the<sup>110</sup> matter and assure you that your business will have prompt<sup>120</sup> attention.

Yours truly, (123-1.49)

## 119

Mr. James Roberts
4 John Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

So many good reports have been coming to10

us concerning your work as a solicitor that we have<sup>20</sup> decided to make you an offer to canvass for us<sup>30</sup> during this summer.

If the results of this engagement are<sup>40</sup> mutually satisfactory, you may consider yourself a regular member of<sup>50</sup> our summer force of canvassers for as many years as<sup>60</sup> you may wish to continue in that capacity.

The fact<sup>70</sup> that those who are now on our staff have been<sup>80</sup> with us from eight to ten years indicates that they<sup>90</sup> are satisfied with the treatment which they have received.

We<sup>100</sup> are in a position to offer \$150<sup>110</sup> per month for the first summer including all expenses, with<sup>120</sup> a substantial increase in case the contract is made permanent.<sup>130</sup> Can you visit us at our expense to arrange details?<sup>140</sup>

Yours very truly, (143—1.49)

# 120

Mr. E. C. Dargan 26 North Main Street Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

For some reason we have not received your <sup>10</sup> check for \$75.55 in settlement <sup>20</sup> of your account for purchases made in November. It is <sup>30</sup> hardly possible that this matter has escaped your attention, since <sup>40</sup> four reminders have already been sent you.

The goods must<sup>50</sup> have been satisfactory or you would have returned them at<sup>60</sup> once. We assume that your delay is unintentional but in<sup>70</sup>

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consideration of your standing as a business man you cannot<sup>80</sup> afford to allow your account to go unpaid any longer.<sup>90</sup>

It will not be necessary to write us a letter;<sup>100</sup> simply write a check for \$75.55<sup>110</sup> and send it in the enclosed envelope. We shall<sup>120</sup> understand its purpose.

Very truly yours, (126—1.49)

## 121

Messrs. T. W. Bolden & Sons 126 Belair Place Galveston, Texas

Gentlemen:

We were glad to receive your order of January<sup>10</sup> 14, amounting to \$120 and are anxious<sup>20</sup> to ship this order as soon as possible.

Since our<sup>30</sup> records show that this is your first transaction with us<sup>40</sup> and since it is the custom among business houses to<sup>50</sup> secure from new customers information on which to base their<sup>60</sup> credit terms, we ask that you kindly fill in the<sup>70</sup> credit-information form enclosed and return it as soon as<sup>80</sup> convenient. This information will be used as a basis for<sup>90</sup> determining credit and will, of course, be strictly confidential.

We<sup>100</sup> are naturally pleased to know that you have selected us<sup>110</sup> to supply your needs in this field and we assure<sup>120</sup> you that we shall endeavor to give them prompt and<sup>130</sup> careful attention.

Yours very truly, (135-1.49)

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Mr. J. W. Curtis
321 Main Street

La Crosse, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

I appreciate your kindness in sending me a<sup>10</sup> copy of the history course which you have prepared for<sup>20</sup> use in the high schools of this city.

I am<sup>30</sup> forwarding it to our Editorial Department for their information. When<sup>40</sup> this appears in printed form I shall appreciate it if<sup>50</sup> you will let me have another copy.

Very truly yours, 60 (60—1.50)

# 123

Mr. James G. Blaine 215 William Street Bridgeport, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

In reply to your advertisement in this morning's<sup>10</sup> Star, for an experienced salesman in the paint and varnish<sup>20</sup> business, I wish to submit my application.

I am thirty-one<sup>30</sup> years of age and have had ten years' experience<sup>40</sup> as a salesman of paints and varnishes. My present position<sup>50</sup> with Paterson Brothers, 820 Broadway, keeps me on<sup>60</sup> the inside, but as I prefer outside work your advertisement<sup>70</sup> seems to offer a desired change. I can furnish good<sup>80</sup> references and hope that I may be granted an interview.<sup>30</sup>

Enclosed is a copy of a testimonial from

Young and <sup>100</sup> Baker, 100 North Street, for whom I traveled for <sup>110</sup> five years.

Yours very respectfully, (115-1.50)

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Mr. T. F. Travers
133 North Fourth Street
Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Sir:

In order that any works of which you<sup>10</sup> are the author may be properly distinguished in the catalogues<sup>20</sup> and other records of the Library of Congress, as well<sup>30</sup> as on cards to be distributed among other libraries, it<sup>40</sup> is requested that you kindly give the data for which<sup>50</sup> blank spaces are provided on the form attached. After filling<sup>60</sup> out the form, please return it in the envelope enclosed<sup>70</sup> for that purpose.

Very respectfully, (75—1.50)

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Miss Eva Bondy 15 Columbia Street Bangor, Maine

Dear Madam:

A memorandum bill was recently sent you, calling<sup>10</sup> attention to the fact that if no word was received<sup>20</sup> from you, ordering a continuation of your subscription to our<sup>30</sup> paper, it would not be sent to you after April<sup>40</sup> 30.

We have thus far no record of either the 50

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receipt of your request to retain your name on our<sup>60</sup> list or the remittance necessary to credit your subscription in<sup>70</sup> advance. After mailing to your address one issue beyond the<sup>80</sup> term for which you have paid, we assume that you<sup>90</sup> have decided not to continue your subscription for another year.<sup>100</sup>

Yours truly, (102—1.50)

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Mrs. A. M. Jones
195 Remington Avenue
Jamaica, Long Island

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Are you interested to hear that we<sup>10</sup> have turned our home into a gift shop? You can<sup>20</sup> get all sorts of dainty Christmas things here that will<sup>30</sup> help to make your Christmas shopping easy and also inexpensive,<sup>40</sup> for really the prices are very moderate.

We have many<sup>50</sup> kinds of candlesticks with wax candles, plain and decorated; slates<sup>60</sup> for keeping bridge scores; quaint pieces of pottery and unusual<sup>70</sup> designs in table glassware; tiny desk lamps and all sizes<sup>80</sup> of floor lamps. We have also several kinds of beautifully<sup>90</sup> embroidered handkerchiefs and many other things that will appeal to<sup>100</sup> you.

We want you to see our Christmas cards. There<sup>110</sup> are 55 different designs and they are unusually attractive. We<sup>120</sup> take orders for personally engraved cards. Of course these should<sup>130</sup> be ordered as early as possible.

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We shall be looking 140 for you. Remember, it is the little white house on 150 the corner of Central Avenue and Main Street.

Very sincerely<sup>160</sup> yours, (161-1.50)

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Messrs. Francis & Bush 610 Houston Street Fort Worth, Texas

Gentlemen:

We are pleased to respond to your request of 10 October 22 for a statement of our credit experience 20 with the firm you mention.

The concern opened an account<sup>30</sup> with us three years ago and since then they have<sup>40</sup> made small purchases at infrequent intervals. Their account shows, except<sup>50</sup> in a few cases, that they have been reasonably prompt<sup>60</sup> in making settlement within thirty days, the time we allow.<sup>70</sup> In the exceptions referred to, payment was not made until<sup>80</sup> several days after the time limit. In one instance we<sup>90</sup> were obliged to threaten suit.

Our opinion, based on our<sup>100</sup> experience as briefly stated here, is that the firm may<sup>110</sup> be considered a fairly satisfactory risk on a restricted line<sup>120</sup> of credit but that their account must be watched rather<sup>130</sup> closely.

If this does not answer your inquiry fully, we<sup>140</sup> shall be glad to correspond further in the matter.

Very<sup>150</sup> truly yours, (152—1.50)

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Mrs. Mary J. Sullivan 726 Magnolia Street San Jose, California

Dear Madam:

We wish to bring to your attention the <sup>10</sup> wonderful value in furs we are offering to our patrons <sup>20</sup> during our Centennial Sale. To those who have bestowed on <sup>30</sup> us their confidence in the past and who have made <sup>40</sup> possible the steady growth of our business, we are giving <sup>50</sup> the first chance at securing special fur garments with unusual <sup>60</sup> price inducements. The savings that are available in this sale <sup>70</sup> will be fully appreciated when it is understood that, owing <sup>80</sup> to an advantageous purchase of raw skins, our stock has <sup>90</sup> been moderately priced.

These goods may be purchased now and lookept by us in storage free of charge, subject to lookept delivery during the holidays.

Very truly yours, (117-1.50)

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Mr. Thomas Crane 209 North Main Street Lima, Ohio

Dear Sir:

If you are planning to build a house<sup>10</sup> you will find it to your advantage to read the<sup>20</sup> enclosed booklet before you decide on the material that you<sup>30</sup> are going to use.

Three centuries of building in America<sup>40</sup> have

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proved that white pine lumber withstands the exposure to<sup>50</sup> the weather better than any other kind. It is more<sup>60</sup> than simply durable, it holds its place perfectly for more<sup>70</sup> than a lifetime, without warping or checking or opening at<sup>80</sup> the joints. This long and satisfactory service makes it the<sup>90</sup> most economical wood for home building.

If your lumber dealer<sup>100</sup> is unable to supply white pine, we should appreciate the<sup>110</sup> opportunity of being helpful to you in securing it.

Very<sup>120</sup> truly yours, (122-1.50)

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Mr. Harry J. Horton
253 Church Street
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

To supply New York City with telephone service<sup>10</sup> is the most complex and most difficult task of its<sup>20</sup> kind in the world. Today it is much more difficult<sup>30</sup> and costly than ever before.

It is our intention to<sup>40</sup> place before you in different ways all the facts in<sup>50</sup> the situation. The enclosed folder shows the proposed new rates<sup>60</sup> for service in your section of the city. Under separate<sup>70</sup> cover we are sending you a booklet which will give<sup>80</sup> you information concerning our revenues and expenses and the causes<sup>90</sup> of the present situation.

To restore our service to its<sup>100</sup> former high plane and to place our system in readiness<sup>110</sup> to give you the most efficient service, a new schedule<sup>120</sup> of rates must be put into effect. A

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fair consideration<sup>130</sup> of the facts presented we feel sure will enlist your<sup>140</sup> cooperation.

Yours very truly, (144—1.50)

## 131

Mr. B. A. Levoy

714 Elmwood Avenue Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Sir:

The enclosed circular concerning this company will be<sup>10</sup> of interest to you, regardless of whether you wish to<sup>20</sup> invest in any of the 8 per cent cumulative preferred<sup>30</sup> stock which is being offered to obtain funds for the<sup>40</sup> enlargement of our gas and electric plants.

I believe this 50 stock is a good investment. At any rate I<sup>60</sup> wish the consumers of this company to have the first 70 opportunity to invest in it and thereby become part owners 80 of our property. This circular is sent to you to 90 give you that opportunity.

If you wish to enter a<sup>100</sup> subscription or to make any further inquiries, you may do<sup>110</sup> so at the office of this company, 34 Hudson<sup>120</sup> Boulevard, Yonkers, or at the office of the selling agent,<sup>130</sup> the Universal Mortgage Corporation, 128 Broadway, New<sup>140</sup> York. You may buy one share or as much more<sup>150</sup> as you wish.

Whether you buy any of our stock<sup>160</sup> or not, we shall continue to give you the best<sup>170</sup> service we can.

Very truly yours, (176—1.50)

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William J. Ziegler Company 334 Washington Street New York, New York

# Gentlemen:

Thank you for your order of June 15. It<sup>10</sup> will go forward promptly over the New York Central on<sup>20</sup> June 18. We feel confident you will find the oranges<sup>30</sup> up to the high standard of the fruit you have<sup>40</sup> been handling. Every precaution has been taken to have the<sup>50</sup> oranges carefully packed and shipped. Please notify us promptly if<sup>60</sup> they do not arrive on time and in good condition.<sup>70</sup>

We are sending with the order leaflets giving facts about<sup>80</sup> the quantity of fruit used in the United States. These<sup>90</sup> leaflets will interest your customers. We are also sending some<sup>100</sup> of our most effective window cards.

Future orders will receive<sup>110</sup> our prompt and careful attention.

Yours very truly, (118-1.50)

# 133

Mr. Herbert B. Smith
400 Northampton Street
Easton, Pennsylvania

# Dear Sir:

The Chamber of Commerce claims your <u>support on 10</u> the ground of its past record and future prospects. It<sup>20</sup> is your organization, and needs, therefore, your loyal support and 30 that of all the other members.

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You have received copies<sup>40</sup> of the November and December numbers of the official bulletin<sup>50</sup> and you have no doubt read about the many things<sup>60</sup> that we have already accomplished and about our plans for<sup>70</sup> the future.

The achievements of the past have been made<sup>80</sup> possible only by the fact that the members have stood<sup>90</sup> fast in their loyalty to the organization and to the<sup>100</sup> city. How extensive the work will be in the future<sup>110</sup> can be determined solely by the interest and cooperation of <sup>120</sup> the members.

There are many improvements to be made in 130 our city. The officials of the Chamber of Commerce have 140 ambitious plans to carry out the suggestions already made by 150 the members. These plans, however, require both continued service and 160 financial support.

The program outlined is possible only if each<sup>170</sup> one keeps his membership pledge. We are sure that we<sup>180</sup> can count on you.

Very truly yours, (187—1.50)

# 134

Mr. Robert T. Garrison 121 Stanton Street El Paso, Texas

Dear Sir:

The events of the past year have been<sup>10</sup> of unusual importance. They are recorded each month by word<sup>20</sup> and picture in *The World Magazine*. The issues are worth<sup>30</sup> keeping and they deserve a place in your library. Volumes<sup>40</sup> begin in May and November. Missing numbers will be

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supplied<sup>50</sup> for 35 cents a copy. We will bind the<sup>60</sup> magazines in attractive and durable cloth for \$1.50.<sup>70</sup>

Return your copies to us and let us bind80 them.

Yours very truly, (84-1.51)

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The Kinnel Manufacturing Company 252 Asylum Street

Hartford, Connecticut

Gentlemen:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 15<sup>10</sup> regarding your corrected bill for \$18.40.

Will<sup>20</sup> you kindly furnish us with a certified copy of the<sup>30</sup> original invoice, showing list prices, in order that we may<sup>40</sup> audit your bill properly?

Yours truly, (46—1.51)

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J. J. Howe & Company

200 Superior Avenue Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

We fully appreciate your feeling regarding the delay in<sup>10</sup> deliveries on your recent orders. Like many other manufacturers we<sup>20</sup> have suffered from a freight embargo that has delayed not<sup>30</sup> only our deliveries but also our supply of raw materials.<sup>40</sup>

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Fortunately we are now able to offer you some relief.<sup>50</sup> We have on the way to our Chicago branch a60 carload shipment whose contents are fully listed on the sheet70 enclosed. You will notice that this shipment consists mainly of 80 the very articles you are most anxious to secure. In90 reply to an inquiry, we have just received word that100 the car left New York yesterday and is probably in110 the Pittsburgh yards today. We have arranged to hold the120 car in Pittsburgh and will have it forwarded to Cleveland 130 if you desire. So far as we are able to140 judge, this carload will give you all the supplies immediately150 required. The other items on your order are now going160 through the factory and will be on their way at170 an early date.

Very truly yours, (176—1.51)

# 137

Mr. Kenneth Donnelly
410 Main Street
Dubuque, Iowa

Dear Sir:

We are sorry that the adding machine that <sup>10</sup> you ordered on January 5 has not yet been received. <sup>20</sup> We know that you must be very much annoyed and <sup>30</sup> inconvenienced by the delay in the delivery of this machine. <sup>40</sup> We are very much disappointed ourselves over the slow deliveries <sup>50</sup> but we are helpless.

During the war the United States<sup>60</sup> Government took over our plant and used it for the<sup>70</sup> manufacture of munitions. As a result, our

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reserve stock of 80 machines was entirely exhausted and orders ran ahead of output. 90 Furthermore, in November we were hit by the wave of 100 labor unrest that swept the country, putting us still further 110 behind. Since the end of the war we have increased 120 our output 50 per cent, but on account of the 130 increase in orders we are still behind in our deliveries. 140 We are rapidly catching up with our orders, however, and 150 can promise that your machine will go forward very

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I have personally investigated the matter and, while I cannot<sup>170</sup> definitely fix a time, I think shipment will certainly be<sup>180</sup> made in about ten days.

Yours very truly, (188-1.51)

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Mr. Martin Carey
390 Fannin Street
Beaumont, Texas

Dear Sir:

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On your order of October 10, we recently<sup>10</sup> installed one Davis feeder attached to your No. 12 Franklin<sup>20</sup> folder. Your order provided for a settlement in cash, less<sup>30</sup> 2 per cent if paid in 30 days or net<sup>40</sup> in 90 days after the machine was erected.

According to<sup>50</sup> our records the machine was started on October 18. Therefore,<sup>60</sup> settlement on the cash terms should be made on November<sup>70</sup> 18.

We trust that this information agrees with

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your records<sup>80</sup> and if so that you will favor us with your<sup>90</sup> usual prompt settlement.

Yours very truly, (96—1.52)

# 139

Mr. J. B. Laird

203 West Short Street

Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

Please refer to your claim of March 2<sup>10</sup> for \$7.30 entered against this company for<sup>20</sup>

alleged damage to a shipment of eggs.

My investigation discloses<sup>30</sup> the fact that on March 17 this entire shipment was<sup>40</sup> delivered to you in apparent good order, and that no<sup>50</sup> exception was taken to any loss or damage. In view<sup>60</sup> of the existing egg tariff, I am at a loss<sup>70</sup> to understand why you are asking this company to consider<sup>80</sup> your claim and I must respectfully request that you furnish<sup>90</sup> me with your formal letter of withdrawal.

Very truly yours, 100 (100—1.52)

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Mr. Walter Livingston 250 Knapp Street Peoria, Illinois

Dear Sir:

You certainly have cause for feeling annoyed at 10 our carelessness in drawing on you fifteen days before your 20 account was due. I appreciate

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the very courteous tone of 30 your letter and I thank you for calling my personal 40 attention to the matter. I shall trace the responsibility for 50 the error to its source; its repetition is unlikely.

I<sup>60</sup> have written to your banker telling him that you were<sup>70</sup> entirely in the right in dishonoring the draft, and taking<sup>80</sup> the entire blame upon ourselves. We wish to make amends<sup>90</sup> in any other way possible for the embarrassment which we<sup>100</sup> have caused you.

Yours very truly, (106-1.52)

#### 141

Mr. Evans G. Beach 316 Superior Street Duluth, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

We thank you for your letter of May<sup>10</sup> 20 and we are very grateful to Dr. Johnson for<sup>20</sup> having referred you to us when you talked with him<sup>30</sup> about the Peerless Motor Washer.

We made Dr. Johnson a<sup>40</sup> special offer to introduce our machine to the people of<sup>50</sup> his neighborhood and it appears that the sale to him<sup>60</sup> is having the desired effect. The enclosed circular describes and<sup>70</sup> illustrates the construction and the operation of the machine, but<sup>80</sup> we believe that you can get from Dr. Johnson at<sup>90</sup> first hand a better understanding of its merits than we<sup>100</sup> can give you in a letter. We have never received<sup>110</sup> a complaint from a customer; on the contrary, hundreds of <sup>120</sup> users have expressed their complete satisfaction.

The Peerless sells for \$150 net. From this amount we shall \$^{140}\$ be glad to allow you 5 per cent discount if \$^{150}\$ your check accompanies the order. Since we made the sale \$^{160}\$ to Dr. Johnson we have received orders to change the \$^{170}\$ discount offer from 8 to 5 per cent. Therefore we \$^{180}\$ are unable longer to quote 8 per cent.

At this 190 moment we are unable to make deliveries of any of 200 these washers, as the freight embargo has stopped all shipments. 210 If we have been correctly informed, however, you may have 220 your machine not later than June 25, if your 230 order is placed now.

Yours truly, (236-1.52)

### 142

Messrs. Frazer & Torbet

Joplin, Missouri

Gentlemen:

I am writing you in regard to a C.¹0 O. D. shipment which we made to you in October.²0 This shipment has been at the depot so long that³0 the railroad is insisting that we either arrange to deliver⁴0 the goods to you or have the merchandise returned.

We<sup>50</sup> have written a number of times about this matter and<sup>60</sup> have received promises from you that the shipment would be<sup>70</sup> accepted, but to date this has not been done.

We<sup>80</sup> have been criticized for trying to accommodate you, as it<sup>90</sup> is the policy of the home office to have all<sup>100</sup> shipments returned that are not delivered within thirty days. The<sup>110</sup> railroad

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insists that something be done at once about this 120 shipment. Please write your decision.

Yours truly, (127-1.52)

#### 143

Mr. George F. Miller

East Orange, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

I wish with all my heart that I¹¹ might be present to take part in celebrating Mr. Edison's²¹ birthday. It would be a real pleasure to be able³¹ to say in public with what deep and genuine admiration⁴¹ I have followed his remarkable career of achievement.

I was<sup>50</sup> an undergraduate at the university when his first inventions captured<sup>60</sup> the imagination of the world, and ever since I have<sup>70</sup> retained the sense of magic which what he did then<sup>80</sup> created in my mind.

He seems always to have been<sup>90</sup> in the special confidence of Nature herself. His career already<sup>100</sup> has made an indelible impression in the history of applied<sup>110</sup> science, and I hope that he has many years yet<sup>120</sup> before him in which to make his record still more<sup>130</sup> remarkable.

Cordially and sincerely yours, (135—1.52)

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Mr. Louis Brown

49 Clark Street

Malden, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

We thank you for remembering us in connec-

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tion<sup>10</sup> with the requirements outlined in your letter of December 4.20

At the present time our facilities are so overtaxed because30 of the large amount of uncompleted work and the difficulty40 of getting raw materials that we are compelled to decline50 all orders. As soon as we can complete a part60 of our present orders we hope to be given another70 opportunity to do business with you. In the meantime we80 trust that you will have no difficulty in finding some 90 other source of supply.

When our situation improves we shall100 have our Mr. Smith call on you as we value 110 your business and should like to number you among our 120 regular customers.

Yours very truly, (125—1.52)

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Mr. I. Henley Blake 713 Jackson Avenue Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

Today I received the folder that you sent10 me recently, giving information about the collection of commodities of 20 commerce. It will interest you to know that the authorities30 in the city have voted to purchase a collection for 40 this school and also a second one for the Boston<sup>50</sup> Normal School.

In case these orders do not reach you<sup>60</sup> promptly I wish you would communicate with me so that 70 I may see that the clerical details of ordering the 80 cabinets are taken care of. Yester-



day I spoke to the 90 agent of the Boston School committee, asking him to see 100 that the matter is attended to promptly, as prices are 110 advancing rapidly.

You may refer to us any visitors who 120 may

wish to see the collection.

Very truly yours, (129—1.53)

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Mr. L. H. Pierson

204 North Main Street

Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

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The investigation of your claim No. 548 has<sup>10</sup> been completed and the claim is now in process of adjustment.<sup>20</sup>

You may expect a draft within the next few days<sup>30</sup> if you have not already received it.

Yours truly, (39—1.53)

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Rogers-Bent Company 219 De La Salle Street Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Have you ever stopped to consider what it costs<sup>10</sup> to shop around for material? It makes but little difference<sup>20</sup> whether you send out printed forms or whether you telephone<sup>30</sup> to several different concerns asking them to quote prices. The<sup>40</sup> loss of time and money thus entailed adds

enormously to<sup>50</sup> the cost of the material purchased.

If, on the other<sup>60</sup> hand, you mail or telephone your orders immediately to this<sup>70</sup> house, you will find that the saving in time, money,<sup>80</sup> and inconvenience will offset any slight additional charge we might<sup>90</sup> possibly make.

Think it over.

Yours very truly, (98—1.53)

# 148

Messrs. Gaffney & Quinn 412 Seventh Street Des Moines, Iowa

Gentlemen:

In answer to your letter of January 7, I<sup>10</sup> regret that the opportunity to secure the vacant lot on<sup>20</sup> Broad Street has passed. Last week, Mr. Perry bought this<sup>30</sup> lot from the Henry estate, and although he has no<sup>40</sup> intention of building in the immediate future, he will not<sup>50</sup> accept any offer that you might consider reasonable. He states<sup>60</sup> that he will hold the lot until building conditions improve,<sup>70</sup> when he will open the matter for discussion.

We would<sup>80</sup> suggest that you consider the location at Division Avenue and <sup>90</sup> South Street. While \$45,000 is the amount<sup>100</sup> asked, we believe we can purchase this plot for about<sup>110</sup> \$40,000.

Kindly let us have your further instructions<sup>120</sup> in regard to this matter.

Yours truly, (127—1.53)

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Mr. Alfred Bartley 1440 Broadway

New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Miss Lucy Brown, 12 Madison Avenue, New York<sup>10</sup> City, has applied for a position as stenographer which is<sup>20</sup> now vacant in this bank. She has given us your<sup>30</sup> name as a reference, stating that she had two years'<sup>40</sup> experience with your firm prior to the acceptance of her<sup>50</sup> present position.

We should appreciate an expression of your opinion<sup>60</sup> as to her character and ability, and we assure you<sup>70</sup> that any information you may be able to give us<sup>80</sup> will be treated in strict confidence.

Yours truly, (88—1.53)

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Mr. H. K. Goodale Elmhurst, Illinois

Dear Sir:

On comparing the amount of your check with<sup>10</sup> the invoice we find that you have deducted a discount<sup>20</sup> of 2 per cent. This deduction was probably caused by<sup>30</sup> an oversight on the part of your bookkeeper, for our<sup>40</sup> terms, as you know, allow 2 per cent discount for<sup>50</sup> payment within ten days. As payment was made after the<sup>60</sup> discount period had expired, we are unable to allow the<sup>70</sup> discount.

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position. We are, therefore, returning your check with the request<sup>90</sup> that you send us by return mail your corrected check<sup>100</sup> for \$614.85.

Yours truly, (110-1.53)

# 151

Mr. James C. Brown 50 West Main Street

Uniontown, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Brown:

I thank you for your letter<sup>10</sup> of April 16, containing check for payment of interest on<sup>20</sup> mortgage. I have not given the matter of a renewal<sup>30</sup> any special thought, but now that you mention it I<sup>40</sup> should like to have you submit for examination your receipted<sup>50</sup> tax bills, water tax receipts, and any bills for additions<sup>60</sup> or installations you have made that would increase the value<sup>70</sup> of the property.

Should these papers be satisfactory, I shall<sup>80</sup> be glad to comply with your request. As I know<sup>90</sup> that you are very anxious to have the matter cleared<sup>100</sup> up as soon as possible, I shall confer with Mr.<sup>110</sup> Scott, my attorney, immediately on his return from Chicago next<sup>120</sup> Monday.

Yours respectfully, (123-1.53)

# 152

Mr. George Carlson 408 Main Street Peoria, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Within the past few days we have received 16

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several claims from Fielding and Small for shortage of part<sup>20</sup> contents of shipments delivered to them in the early part<sup>30</sup> of December. I wrote them on January 12, asking that<sup>40</sup> opportunity be given us in each case to inspect the<sup>50</sup> package, weigh it, and verify the shortage, and requested them<sup>60</sup> to notify us at once, so that we might determine<sup>70</sup> the extent of our liability.

Enclosed find their reply, saying<sup>80</sup> that it will be impossible for them to comply with<sup>90</sup> our request. In the future I would direct that you<sup>100</sup> issue instructions to have particular notice taken of their shipments<sup>110</sup> and if there is any indication whatever of bad order<sup>120</sup> to have proper report filed, showing the extent of bad<sup>130</sup> order, weight of package, etc.

Kindly write me when this 140 has been done. Yours very truly, (148—1.53)

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Mr. Peter J. Brady 420 West Gray Street Elmira, New York

Dear Sir:

We have been informed by Mr. James that<sup>18</sup> he talked with you several days ago in regard to<sup>20</sup> an agency agreement covering the sale of our high-grade<sup>30</sup> roofing in your county. This material establishes for itself a<sup>40</sup> ready sale wherever it has been advertised, due to the<sup>50</sup> fact that it outlasts all others and sells at a<sup>60</sup> price that is always in keeping with the quality.

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this material<sup>80</sup> in their territory by furnishing them with an ample supply90 of advertising matter, samples, etc. We give the agent exclusive100 sale of the material in his territory and protect him110 at all times. A contract in duplicate is enclosed for 120 your signature. Retain one copy and return the other for 130 our files, together with your first stock order.

Yours truly,140 (140-1.53)

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To whom it may concern:

The bearer, Mr. A. P.10 Prescott, has been in our employ as assistant bookkeeper and<sup>20</sup> salesman for the past two years and we have always30 found him to be honest and industrious, steady and correct<sup>40</sup> in his deportment, and well qualified for any position of 50 trust in a counting house. We cheerfully recommend him as<sup>60</sup> a competent bookkeeper and as one who will earnestly apply<sup>70</sup> himself to promote the interests of his employer. Yours very<sup>80</sup> truly, (81—1.54)

# 155

Turner, Burns Company 330 Race Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

From an advertising standpoint, New York City is the 10 United States. Create a demand for your product in New20 York City and the rest

of the nation will follow.<sup>30</sup> Why not take advantage of this fixed habit and build<sup>40</sup> your success along the lines of least resistance?

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You can<sup>50</sup> reach New York City through New York City car advertising,<sup>60</sup> with greater force and better results than through all other<sup>70</sup> mediums combined. The rates quoted for New York City car<sup>80</sup> advertising make it the most economical medium of publicity at<sup>90</sup> your command

May we have an opportunity to take this 100 up with you personally?

Yours very truly, (107-1.54)

# 156

Messrs. Kraemer Brothers 1030 Fifteenth Street Denver, Colorado

Gentlemen:

This bank counts itself fortunate in its depositors. Not<sup>10</sup> only have they brought us their own banking, trust, and<sup>20</sup> other financial business, but they have also recommended the bank<sup>30</sup> to their friends and have been the means of bringing<sup>40</sup> many new accounts.

Since we have yet to lose our<sup>50</sup> first customer through our inability to meet the broadest demands<sup>60</sup> of banking service, we do not hesitate to ask you<sup>70</sup> to suggest other prospective depositors.

Kindly write in the blank<sup>80</sup> spaces below the names and addresses of two or three<sup>90</sup> persons whom you think we could interest in our bank-

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ing,<sup>100</sup> trust, or foreign exchange departments.
We shall greatly appreciate your<sup>110</sup> interest.

Yours very truly, (114-1.54)

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Billings & Hoyt Company
Chestnut and Eighth Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

We have received your letter of February 6, in<sup>10</sup> which you object to the basis of our settlement of<sup>20</sup> your invoice of January 10, and request a remittance of<sup>30</sup> \$10 to cover the discount deducted.

Since this case<sup>40</sup> is typical we wish to call your attention to the50 circumstances involved. Your invoice of January 10, covered a shipment<sup>60</sup> of lumber that was placed on our siding January 20.70 We received the freight bill on the 30th. Under the<sup>80</sup> terms of this purchase we were expected to remit the 90 invoice amount, less the freight and discount allowed. Although the 100 bill of lading in this case showed the amount of 110 the freight, it frequently happens that the freight bill does120 not agree with the bill of lading. More than that, 180 we have been in the habit of checking invoices against<sup>140</sup> deliveries to verify the quantity, quality, and also prices, and 150 our experience shows that this practice is necessary for our<sup>160</sup> own protection.

Your ruling that the ten-day period must<sup>170</sup> be computed in all cases from the date of the<sup>180</sup> invoice practically deprives us, therefore, of the

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discount privilege, since<sup>190</sup> shipments seldom arrive in time to make the necessary adjustments<sup>200</sup> before the discount date. However, we expect no concessions, and if<sup>210</sup> you will kindly return our check for \$490<sup>220</sup> we shall avail ourselves of the full<sup>230</sup> credit privilege and remit in sixty days.

Very truly yours,240 (240-1.54)

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The Fred Janes Company
112 North Twelfth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

Shipment on your order No. 90 has been made<sup>10</sup> today by parcel post as directed in your letter of<sup>20</sup> May 15. We hope that the goods will arrive in<sup>30</sup> good time and in first-class condition.

Owing to the<sup>40</sup> war, which has practically cut us off from our usual<sup>50</sup> source of supply, we have experienced the greatest difficulty in<sup>60</sup> obtaining enough supplies of raw material to keep our factory<sup>70</sup> running to even half its capacity. Under the circumstances we<sup>80</sup> must ask you to order only sufficient quantities to meet<sup>90</sup> your immediate needs until our supply is increased.

We feel<sup>100</sup> certain that you will help us in this matter, and on the other hand we shall make special effort to give you our usual efficient service.

Yours truly, (128—1.54)

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Mr. B. A. Gray 225 Pearl Street Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir:

As a motorist you will be interested in the chain of model gasoline stations which we are erecting on the principal highways in and around They will not be the usual type of dirty, poorly kept stations<sup>40</sup> presided over by discourteous individuals, with whom motorists, unfortunately, are<sup>50</sup> all too well acquainted.

> All of our stations will be60 designed by an expert architect with an eye for attractiveness;70 they will be equipped with the most modern honest-measure<sup>80</sup> gasoline and oil pumps and the latest type of air 90 and water supply stands.

> Next Tuesday we shall open our 100 Saratoga Avenue station. To all those who visit us and 110 buy five gallons of gasoline we shall present, with our 120 compliments, a gallon can of oil.

> We shall be happy 130 to have you take advantage of this offer because it140 will give us an opportunity to demonstrate to you the 150 excellent service we can render.

> > Yours very truly, (158—1.54)

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Mr. Charles C. Green 985 Atlantis Street St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

We desire a representative in your city and 10

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you have been suggested to us as the best person<sup>20</sup> in your section to handle our specialties. These are fully<sup>30</sup> described in the enclosed circular. Our representative must be a<sup>40</sup> reliable, active individual. His duties will be to call on<sup>50</sup> city officials, bankers, manufacturers, lawyers, and insurance officers. The territory<sup>60</sup> has not been worked before and, judging from the large<sup>70</sup> sale of our goods in other sections, the field should<sup>80</sup> offer great opportunities.

Please give the matter prompt attention, and 90 if you cannot accept our offer will you be kind 100 enough to recommend someone in your city who will make 110 a good man for us.

Very truly yours, (118—1.55)

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Mr. J. B. Burke 64 Clark Street Brooklyn, New York

Dear Sir:

As we desire to obtain some of your<sup>10</sup> trucking business, we should be pleased to quote you rates<sup>20</sup> on freight to or from any specific destination.

We have<sup>30</sup> ample facilities to insure excellent and prompt acceptance or delivery<sup>40</sup> of any freight offered for transportation and we can assure<sup>50</sup> you of our ability to handle any carload that you<sup>60</sup> may offer.

For the convenience of several of our local<sup>70</sup> customers who are located in the lower section of the<sup>80</sup> city, two trucks are dispatched daily from

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South Ferry, New<sup>90</sup> York, with merchandise to be delivered as far north as<sup>100</sup> Yonkers. Perhaps this local line, as we may define it,<sup>110</sup> would be to your advantage, as freight which requires prompt<sup>120</sup> delivery would therefore receive immediate attention.

Yours truly, (128—1.55)

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Mr. Charles H. Rogers 94 Parkway Bayonne, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

The Board of Directors of the Warren Country<sup>10</sup> Club will hold a special meeting in the directors' room<sup>20</sup> on Tuesday, July 12.

The purpose of this meeting is<sup>30</sup> to consider the purchase of two acres of land with<sup>40</sup> buildings thereon adjoining the property of the club on the<sup>50</sup> southeast. The purchase will involve the expenditure of \$30,000<sup>60</sup> and additional taxation year after year. According to the<sup>70</sup> constitution of the club no purchase of real estate may<sup>80</sup> be made without the consent of twelve of the thirteen<sup>90</sup> directors. The matter may be referred directly to the members<sup>100</sup> after three months have elapsed, should the directors fail to<sup>110</sup> act favorably on the purchase. Upon consent in writing of<sup>120</sup> three-fourths of the membership, the purchase may be legally<sup>130</sup> effected.

The importance of the meeting is self-evident and 140 your attendance is specially urged.

Very truly yours, (148—1.55)

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Mr. J. M. Biggins 28 South River Street Aurora, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Your account, now ten days overdue, amounts to<sup>10</sup> \$540 as per statement rendered. We are<sup>20</sup> obliged to meet a draft for a large amount on<sup>30</sup> February 20 and would appreciate your kindness if you could<sup>40</sup> settle your account with us before that time.

Yours very<sup>50</sup> truly, (51—1.56)

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Mr. Charles F. Evans
126 Capitol Street
Charleston, West Virginia

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 10 regarding the unsatisfactory<sup>10</sup> condition in which our last shipment of furniture reached you<sup>20</sup> has just been received.

We note that several of the<sup>30</sup> pieces were damaged and that as a result you were<sup>40</sup> not able to make suitable preparation for the holiday season.<sup>50</sup> Upon investigation we find that several new men have been<sup>60</sup> added to the force of the shipping department. It is<sup>70</sup> probable that the damage was due to their carelessness and<sup>80</sup> inexperience in packing. If you will be kind enough to<sup>90</sup> make an exact list of the articles damaged, we will<sup>100</sup> replace them at once by return express.

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Of course we<sup>110</sup> regret the occurrence and the inconvenience it has caused you.<sup>120</sup>

Very truly yours, (123—1.56)

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To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that <sup>10</sup> Mr. Henry R. Aldern was in our employ for five <sup>20</sup> years as a traveling salesman. We found him trustworthy, <sup>27</sup> capable, <sup>30</sup> tactful, and entirely satisfactory in every way. He was successful <sup>40</sup> in his line of work and we have no hesitation <sup>50</sup> in recommending him to anyone who desires his services.

Yours truly, (59-1.56)

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Mr. R. L. Blaesy 100 East Sixth Street Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

The best-paying advertising medium is not necessarily<sup>10</sup> the magazine that reaches the largest percentage of possible buyers.<sup>20</sup>

Because of the nature of our magazine, dealing as it<sup>30</sup> does with the best in current topics, literature, and art,<sup>40</sup> our subscription lists are made up entirely of prosperous, up<sup>50</sup>-to-date people with fair incomes—every one a possible<sup>60</sup> customer.

March is the first of the spring months and 70 always a good one for the advertiser. Five

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dollars will<sup>80</sup> pay for a four-line classified advertisement in this issue;<sup>90</sup> additional lines will be \$1.20 each. On<sup>100</sup> a six-time order the last insertion is free.

Yours<sup>110</sup> very truly, (112—1.56)

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Mrs. Martin Black 73 Sutton Place New York, New York

Dear Madam:

Your tweed suit will be ready for final<sup>10</sup> fitting on Monday at 11 o'clock.

A new lot of <sup>20</sup> the most exquisite linings has just arrived, offering an unusually<sup>30</sup> varied choice in solid colors or floral designs. If you<sup>40</sup> will make a selection at the time of your fitting,<sup>50</sup> we shall be able to finish the suit for delivery<sup>60</sup> on Saturday.

Yours very truly, (65—1.56)

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Messrs. Hallock & Luce 10 West Broadway Salt Lake City, Utah

Gentlemen:

The reason why our duplicating machine is coming into<sup>10</sup> its own so rapidly is because it is used by<sup>20</sup> the men who are not too proud or too indifferent<sup>30</sup> or too selfish to put their personalities into business. This<sup>40</sup> machine produces the

typewritten messages that today do most of the direct selling and advertising of thousands of business houses. 60

With it you can handle all sorts of inquiries, approach<sup>70</sup> the new customer, make the dealer enthusiastic, encourage the salesmen<sup>80</sup> to bigger efforts, reduce the labor turnover, and secure the<sup>90</sup> loyal support of your working force. Above all you can<sup>100</sup> get every job done when you want it and at<sup>110</sup> a price that you can afford.

Yours truly, (118-1.56)

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Messrs. Charles Carter & Sons 206 West Adams Street Jacksonville, Florida

Gentlemen:

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A few weeks ago we were compelled to send<sup>10</sup> out a notice to the effect that freight service between<sup>20</sup> New York and Mobile would be discontinued, owing to insufficient<sup>30</sup> cargoes and the high cost of operation.

At that time<sup>40</sup> several strikes affecting water transportation were under way with no<sup>50</sup> prospect of an early settlement. However, the action of the<sup>60</sup> committee on transportation has brought about an improvement in the<sup>70</sup> situation.

Service on this line will be resumed October 20<sup>80</sup> and steamers will stop at Mobile in addition to Tampa<sup>90</sup> and Key West.

Yours truly, (95—1.57)

Mr. Thomas Marshall

143 North Meridian Street

Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir:

We are considering Mr. Clinton Reid for a<sup>10</sup> position with this bank. He tells us that we may<sup>20</sup> come to you for an estimate of his character and<sup>30</sup> ability. Will you be good enough to give us in<sup>40</sup> confidence your opinion of Mr. Reid's habits and general worth?<sup>50</sup>

Any information you may furnish us regarding this applicant will<sup>60</sup> be very much appreciated.

Yours truly, (66—1.57)

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Mr. G. A. Hawkins

100 South Fourth Street Evansville, Indiana

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I am enclosing the stenographer's record of your<sup>10</sup> remarks at the meeting of the Finance Committee held on<sup>20</sup> December 30.

Will you be good enough to look over<sup>30</sup> his report to see that you have been quoted correctly.<sup>40</sup> Kindly indicate any changes that may be necessary and return<sup>50</sup> the report as soon as possible.

I appreciate your interest<sup>60</sup> as shown by your attendance at the meeting.

Very truly 70 yours, (71-1.58)

Business Organization Magazine 105 Wall Street New York, New York

Gentlemen:

I am very sorry I have not been able<sup>10</sup> to get a list of subscribers for your magazine this<sup>20</sup> year. Business conditions have affected us as well as many<sup>30</sup> others, and I have not felt justified in pressing very<sup>40</sup> strongly any additional expense on my students.

Yours truly, (49-1.57)

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Mrs. Ethel Banton 431 Howard Street Detroit, Michigan

Dear Madam:

About the first of next month you will<sup>10</sup> receive a copy of our magazine for examination. We submit<sup>20</sup> this copy, feeling certain that the purpose underlying the publication<sup>30</sup> of this magazine will appeal to you.

Service to the<sup>40</sup> reader is our first consideration. To those who are interested<sup>50</sup> in self-development the magazine will give a better acquaintance<sup>60</sup> with art, science, etc., and thus enable the reader to<sup>70</sup> get greater satisfaction out of life.

We would suggest that<sup>80</sup> you fill out the enclosed subscription blank at once and<sup>90</sup> return it to us so that you may be sure<sup>100</sup> of the next

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issue and the succeeding issues without interruption. 110

Faithfully yours, (112—1.58)

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Messrs. Hunt & Walker 203 Market Street Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The man who can compose a circular sufficiently attractive<sup>10</sup> to insure its being read by business men is indeed<sup>20</sup> fortunate.

We certainly do not claim to possess this talent,<sup>30</sup> but since we have used with unqualified success all the<sup>40</sup> devices described in the enclosed folder, we are at least<sup>50</sup> in a position to recommend them to others.

Our willingness<sup>60</sup> to send them on ten days' trial, with no obligation<sup>70</sup> whatever to purchase, appeals to the sense of fairness that<sup>80</sup> business men possess.

Genuine economy is more than simply the saving of one's efforts; it is the saving of oneself. Yours truly, (102—1.58)

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Whitehead & Hoag Company Fullerton Building St. Louis, Missouri

Gentlemen:

Since our last letter to you business condi-

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tions have<sup>10</sup> changed greatly. The cost of production has increased as a<sup>20</sup> result of high wages and high cost of raw material<sup>30</sup> and transportation. Therefore, it is now more important than ever<sup>40</sup> for you to know the physical value of your property.<sup>50</sup>

As a result of these altered conditions, new values must<sup>60</sup> be established, financial statements must be made, insurance must be<sup>70</sup> adjusted in accordance with present costs on a replacement basis,<sup>80</sup> and tax reports must be prepared.

Our reports will furnish<sup>90</sup> all the necessary information accurately itemized. To appreciate their value,<sup>100</sup> it is necessary for you to see how they are<sup>110</sup> made and to have their advantages explained.

We will send<sup>120</sup> a representative to you without obligation on your part. Will<sup>130</sup> you kindly permit us to do this?

Yours very truly, 140 (140-1.58)

# 176

The Standard Shoe Company 215 Cherry Street Jamestown, New York Gentlemen:

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We fully realize that it is impossible for coal<sup>10</sup> dealers to promise delivery of specified quantities of coal on<sup>20</sup> a certain date, but we also realize that manufacturers cannot<sup>30</sup> plan future operations, keep workmen employed and customers supplied with<sup>40</sup> goods, without fuel. Never before has our supply been so<sup>50</sup> low We have already dropped

many of our workmen and<sup>60</sup> we are accepting orders subject to our ability to buy<sup>70</sup> coal.

Not only will our losses be serious but the so entire community will suffer if we are obliged to close odown. We are not in touch with the situation as 100 you are. We shall appreciate, therefore, your careful estimate of 110 the present conditions. If you can indicate with any degree of certainty what we may expect with reference to coal od deliveries during the next two months, you will be of 140 service to us and to all persons in any way 150 connected with this firm.

Yours truly, (156-1.58)

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Mr. Edward Ross
15 Exchange Place

Jersey City, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Have you ever wondered what kind of insurance<sup>10</sup> the officials of life insurance companies generally carry? Almost all<sup>20</sup> carry the same form of policy. Furthermore, the big business<sup>30</sup> men that measure their insurance in hundreds of thousands and<sup>40</sup> even in millions buy the same kind if they can<sup>50</sup> get it. In fact, this particular form of policy is<sup>60</sup> good for any man who wants the most protection for<sup>70</sup> his money, whether he is a millionaire, merchant, farmer, or<sup>80</sup> professional man.

The policy referred to is most attractive, giving 90 all the privileges and benefits of high-priced policies, yet100 it costs the least. For

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certain reasons this policy is 110 rarely shown by life insurance agents and few companies encourage120 its sale. It is offered only to firstclass risks130 and to men who can furnish bank references.

If you<sup>140</sup> are interested, address the undersigned for full and complete information 150 regarding the policy.

Yours very truly, (156-1.59)

### 178

Mr. M. L. Neville

867 McAllister Avenue

Benton Harbor, Michigan

Dear Sir:

This will introduce to you the bearer, Mr.10 Daniel White, who visits your city for the purpose of<sup>20</sup> engaging in the grocery business.

I can assure you that<sup>30</sup> he is a young man of strict integrity and superior40 ability, in every way worthy of your confidence.

Any assistance<sup>50</sup> you may find it in your power to render him60 I shall regard as a personal favor to myself, which 70 I shall be happy to reciprocate whenever an opportunity shall 80 offer.

Yours very truly, (84—1.59)

# 179

Messrs. Quinn & Company 100 Summer Street Boston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

It is not necessary to remind you of the 10

importance of carrying enough insurance on your property to afford<sup>20</sup> protection against any possible loss in case of fire.

Since<sup>30</sup> you have completed extensive improvements to your property it will40 be in order for you to consider the matter of taking out additional insurance. We can arrange to give you<sup>60</sup> the increased protection at once, although the policy you are 70 holding in this company does not expire till July 1.80

Yours truly, (82-1.60)

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Mr. D. T. Ackerly 38 Hayward Street Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

Please accept our thanks for your letter of January<sup>10</sup> 15 enclosing check.

We enclose a full statement of your<sup>20</sup> account to present date, showing balance of \$140.2030 still due us. May we not expect<sup>40</sup> to receive your check to balance this account on or50 before the first of the coming month?

Very truly yours, 60 (60-1.60)

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Mr. W. F. George 363 Broadway Miami, Florida Dear Sir:

Every prudent man should take steps while

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in¹0 good health to make arrangements that will insure financial independence²0 to those who are near and dear to him. He³0 must not postpone this from day to day until he⁴0 is finally caught unprepared.

If your estate is to be<sup>50</sup> safe, if it is to yield a proper income, you<sup>60</sup> should entrust it to an executor who has financial ability,<sup>70</sup> administra-

tive ability, and continuity of existence.

Our financial responsibility makes<sup>80</sup> your estate secure, our administrative ability insures a wise investment<sup>90</sup> of your funds, and our corporate form of organization as<sup>100</sup> a trust company indicates that we shall serve the next<sup>110</sup> few generations as we have served the last three.

We<sup>120</sup> shall welcome your inquiries and shall be glad to give<sup>130</sup> detailed information about our service.

Yours very truly, (138-1.60)

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Hon. James C. Calvin 2201 Market Street Galveston, Texas

Dear Sir:

As chairman of the Speakers' Committee of the 10 Chamber of Commerce, I wish to extend an invitation to 20 you to address our members on the League of Nations, 30 a topic uppermost in the minds of thinking men all 40 over the world.

The committee endeavors to secure men of 50 national reputation to talk on matters of national importance. Ever 60 since President Wilson went

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abroad there has been much interest<sup>70</sup> manifested as to how a League of Nations can be<sup>80</sup> formed, what its responsibilities would be, and what power it<sup>90</sup> would have to enforce its decrees.

From your experience as<sup>100</sup> a jurist and your study of international questions, we believe<sup>110</sup> that you are eminently fitted to discuss this very important<sup>120</sup> and interesting question.

If you will indicate some date in<sup>180</sup> the near future when you can be with us, satisfactory<sup>140</sup> arrangements can be made. We are looking forward to receiving<sup>150</sup> your favorable reply.

Cordially yours, (155—1.60)

#### 183

Messrs. George C. Green & Company 701 Market Street Chattanooga, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

Mr. James Watson of 15 West Street, Albany, New<sup>10</sup> York, has made a request for credit privilege at our<sup>20</sup> store and refers us to you for information as to<sup>30</sup> his standing and reliability.

As a matter of routine we<sup>40</sup> are writing to ask if you will please inform us<sup>50</sup> concerning Mr. Watson's financial responsibility so that our credit files<sup>60</sup> may be complete. We enclose an inquiry card and a<sup>70</sup> self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience. Your information will<sup>80</sup> be appreciated and will be held in strict confidence.

If 90 at any time we can assist you with information, we 100 shall welcome the opportunity.

Very truly yours, (107-1.61)

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James Roberts Company
4 John Street
Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Upon my return to Detroit I found your letter<sup>10</sup> of June 5, giving us the required information regarding advertising<sup>20</sup> expenditures in the automobile field.

I want to say to<sup>30</sup> you that I am surprised and delighted with the promptness<sup>40</sup> and the extent of the thorough investigation you made for<sup>50</sup> us. It makes me feel that the connection we have<sup>60</sup> made with the Federal Service Company is most desirable.

I<sup>70</sup> wish to thank you also for the splendid service rendered<sup>80</sup> us during the past three months through your regular weekly<sup>90</sup> information bulletin. We are coming to look upon this bulletin<sup>100</sup> as indispensable in our business.

Very truly yours, (108—1.61)

# 185

Mrs. Florence Earle 204 Sixth Street

Alexandria, Louisiana

Dear Madam:

In response to your request of February 11,<sup>10</sup> we are pleased to send you one of our new<sup>20</sup> catalogues under separate cover. You will find, however, a complete<sup>30</sup> line of samples and water color studies displayed at the<sup>40</sup> Marshall studio in

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your city, where an examination of our<sup>50</sup> products will convince you of their superior quality.

Your orders<sup>60</sup> will receive prompt and careful attention.

Very truly yours, (69-1.63)

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Messrs. Gardner & Briggs 127 Central Avenue Great Falls, Montana

Gentlemen:

Kindly refer to your letter addressed to this office, dated<sup>10</sup> April 26, 1918, concerning a shipment of<sup>20</sup> two cases of cans to Harper Brothers, Rutland, Vermont.

I<sup>80</sup> am unable to locate the case that checked short; therefore,<sup>40</sup> I suggest that you arrange to enter claim against this<sup>50</sup> company, quoting the file number as your authority. The claim<sup>80</sup> will then be the subject of investigation and adjustment on<sup>70</sup> its merits.

Yours very truly, (75-1.63)

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Mrs. Josephine Daley 18 Chenango Street Binghamton, New York

Dear Madam:

Our first consignment of linens for the spring<sup>10</sup> season has already been received. With the arrival of these<sup>20</sup> linens we are enabled to complete

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the adjustment in prices<sup>30</sup> made possible by the new tariff.

Notwithstanding the recent advances<sup>40</sup> in the foreign cost of linens, we are now able<sup>50</sup> to offer a large part of our stock at lower<sup>60</sup> prices.

The merchandise is of the highest standard of excellence, 70 the assortment is unequaled, and the values are unsurpassed.

Inspection<sup>80</sup> is very cordially invited.

Yours respectfully, (86—1.63)

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Mr. George A. Tyler 15 Stuart Street

Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Sir:

It gives me pleasure to answer your<sup>10</sup> inquiry of January 4 relative to the business qualifications of<sup>20</sup> James White.

Mr. White was employed for four years in<sup>30</sup> our accounting department. He came to us direct from the<sup>40</sup> Boston Accounting School. When he joined our staff he had<sup>50</sup> practically no business experience and at first had difficulty in<sup>60</sup> meeting our requirements for accuracy and speed.

However, he showed<sup>70</sup> persistence in making his services more valuable and in his<sup>80</sup> third year his ability was such that he directed the<sup>90</sup> large bookkeeping department during the six months' absence of our<sup>100</sup> head accountant.

I am informed that his present employers consider<sup>110</sup> him an exceedingly valuable man.

Very truly yours, (118-1.63)

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Messrs, Hall & Adams

Harrison, New York

Gentlemen:

We acknowledge your letter of July 30 with reference10 to our work on the elevator in your building at20 Harrison, New York.

We are investigating the matter in question<sup>30</sup> and expect to be able to give you definite information40 within a few days.

Yours truly, (46-1.64)

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Mr. I. G. Ellis

Charleston, South Carolina My dear Sir:

We propose publishing a pamphlet of testimonial<sup>10</sup> letters from our readers, to be used by our solicitors<sup>20</sup> in securing additional subscribers. As you have been a loyal<sup>30</sup> supporter and a constant reader of our publication, we would<sup>40</sup> appreciate a letter of commendation from you to be used50 as stated.

We are trying to make our paper of 60 great value to our readers by publishing reliable market reports<sup>70</sup> and reviews, as well as desirable up-todate articles,80 both technical and descriptive. that will be of value and 90 interest in all branches of the iron and steel manufacturing100 business.

What we desire is your frank opinion as to<sup>110</sup> the merits of our magazine.

Yours very cordially, (118—1.64)

Bevington Foundry Company Janesville, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

We should like very much to guarantee delivery of 10 your order of October 4 before December 22 in<sup>20</sup> compliance with your request of November 15, but we are 30 not in a position to promise delivery of this order<sup>40</sup> before January 10.

In this connection may we call your<sup>50</sup> attention to our circular letter of November 1 in which<sup>60</sup> we explained fully the inevitable delay resulting from car and<sup>70</sup> fuel shortage. We regret the circumstances exceedingly.

Very truly yours, 80 (80—1.65)

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Mrs. Catherine Birchell 1226 Sumter Street Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Madam:

Since electricity has taken all the drudgery from10 housework, keeping house is like playing an interesting game.

Modern<sup>20</sup> housekeepers are realizing more and more the value of electric<sup>30</sup> appliances. Electricity will make delicious toast, wash and iron your<sup>40</sup> clothes with the least labor and the greatest economy of 50 time.

Whether it is a toaster, a stove, or an60 electric iron in which you are interested, our representative will70 gladly demonstrate one or all of

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the appliances at any80 time convenient for you.

Please tell us on the enclosed of card when he may call.

Yours truly, (97–1.65)

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Mr. R. S. Paterson

1011 Fulton Street

Fresno, California

Dear Sir:

Of all the mediums ever devised for keeping<sup>1</sup>the busy man in touch with every business fact or<sup>20</sup> figure necessary to his day's work nothing has ever been<sup>30</sup> published that has proved quite so reliable as the "Business<sup>40</sup> Man's Encyclopedia."

It contains a complete business directory and thousands<sup>60</sup> of important facts covering correspondence, copyrights, patents, insurance, and many<sup>60</sup> other subjects.

If you would like to examine this serviceable 70 volume at our expense and without obligation to yourself, mail 80 the enclosed card.

Very truly yours, (86—1.66)

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To our Agents:

Beginning January 1, 1918, such<sup>10</sup> automobile risks as are insured only against fire hazard are<sup>20</sup> to be reported in the same account with other fire<sup>30</sup> risks. All other automobile risks are to be accounted for<sup>40</sup> monthly in a separate account.

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The requirements of the state<sup>50</sup> insurance departments make this change necessary.

We ask your cooperation<sup>60</sup> in the matter and hope that we may continue to<sup>70</sup> have a goodly share of your best automobile risks.

Yours<sup>80</sup> very truly, (82—1.67)

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Mr. William A. Gary 2321 Scott Street Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

Mr. Allen of our office, who is at<sup>10</sup> present in New York, requested me to explain to you<sup>20</sup> his inability to attend the annual meeting of the Illinois<sup>30</sup> Manufacturers' Association tomorrow evening.

He has asked me to represent<sup>40</sup> our company on this occasion and if possible induce Mr.<sup>50</sup> Taylor to accompany me. I have accordingly arranged to attend<sup>60</sup> and, although I have been unable to see Mr. Taylor,<sup>70</sup> I am sure he will be glad to come if<sup>80</sup> he can do so without interfering with other previous arrangements<sup>90</sup> he may have made for tomorrow.

Very truly yours, (99—1.67)

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Mr. A. P. Walker
203 Franklin Street
Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

We are mailing you today our 10010-page

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catalogue with its beautiful half-tone illustrations and full<sup>20</sup> descriptions of household furniture. On pages 90 to 100<sup>30</sup> the cuts show a strong line of individual pieces in<sup>40</sup> a variety of styles.

On the enclosed card please indicate<sup>50</sup> whether you are interested in living room, library, dining room,<sup>60</sup> or bedroom furniture. Upon receipt of this card we will<sup>70</sup> send you colored prints showing some artistic designs for the<sup>80</sup> arrangement of the room you are furnishing. If you would<sup>90</sup> prefer to inspect the furniture personally, our factory showrooms are<sup>100</sup> open daily and we are here to serve you to<sup>110</sup> the best of our ability.

Yours very truly, (118-1.67)

#### 197

Messrs. Walter & Franklin Ninth and Main Streets Kansas City, Missouri

#### Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request, we are pleased to<sup>10</sup> furnish what information we have concerning the Standard Knitting Company<sup>20</sup> of this city.

We consider the management of the company<sup>30</sup> unusual in many ways, combining as it does a group<sup>40</sup> of men who are manufacturers, jobbers, and merchants. Some of<sup>50</sup> the men have been in the business for many years<sup>60</sup> and the younger men have already demonstrated their ability in<sup>70</sup> this particular line, so that the continuance of the present<sup>80</sup> successful business policy

is assured. The earnings of the company will naturally increase with the growth of the business, but 100 they should still further increase as a result of certain 110 changes now being made in the operating end of the concern. 120 The factories of the company are situated in a 130 locality favorable for cotton manufacture, since it has an abundant 140 supply of labor and excellent transportation facilities coupled with low 150 rates on cotton manufactured goods. The product which the company 160 is now putting out is a staple line of goods, 170 not subject, except in minor details, to the fluctuations of 180 taste or fashion.

We hope that this statement may be 190 of

service to you.

Yours truly, (196—1.67)

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Mr. Harry M. Becker 1120 Commerce Street Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

Mr. Young, the new manager whom you sent<sup>10</sup> for our sales department, is proving quite as efficient as<sup>20</sup> you said he would be. He has been here four<sup>30</sup> weeks and seems to have mastered the situation thoroughly.

In<sup>40</sup> the first place, he really believes in the superiority of<sup>50</sup> our goods over any others on the market. He takes<sup>60</sup> every occasion to prove this to the men by new<sup>70</sup> and convincing evidence. They, too, have come to believe in<sup>80</sup> our goods and so are ready to work whole-heartedly <sup>50</sup> for them.

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Mr. Young has a strong and attractive personality. <sup>100</sup> In a quiet, unobtrusive way he has become well acquainted <sup>110</sup> with every salesman here. He has found the particular excellence <sup>120</sup> of each one and is bringing it out to the <sup>130</sup> full. He listens sympathetically to the experience of the men <sup>140</sup> and gives them advice and encouragement. At the same time <sup>150</sup> he does not hesitate to show them in what ways <sup>160</sup> they can improve themselves.

I cannot tell you what a<sup>170</sup> relief it is to have such a man here. Do<sup>180</sup> not think of limiting his stay with us to six months<sup>190</sup> as you suggested. Why not stay two years? If<sup>200</sup> he continues as he has begun you can rest assured<sup>210</sup> as to the future success of his office

Yours truly,<sup>220</sup> (220-1.71)

# METHOD OF RATING SHORTHAND II, REGENTS EXAMINATIONS

The examination in Shorthand II, given at the end of the second year's work, will consist of six letters of approximately 120 words each, or 720 words, in addition to the addresses, to be dictated at the rate of 80 words a minute. Not more than one-half minute may be used in dictating the address for each letter. The candidate may choose four letters to be transcribed—each letter shall be worth 20 credits.

The dictation material will represent a business vocabulary of considerable range; technical or scientific terms, however, will not be included. A sufficient supply of dictionaries should be available during the examination and the candidate should be encouraged to use them.

In the Shorthand II examination ten minutes will be allowed the candidate to examine his shorthand notes. Eighty minutes will be allowed for transcribing notes in Shorthand II. If conditions permit, typewritten transcripts should be required; pen-written transcripts, however, will be accepted. (See note.)

The dictator is not privileged to give information regarding capitalization, punctuation, or paragraphing of the dictation copy. Deviations from dictation copy in capitalization, punctuation, and paragraphing will be allowed if they conform to accepted usage. The use of longhand in notes, except for proper names, figures, and addresses, is not permitted. The shorthand notes must accompany the transcripts.

In the examination in Shorthand II the transcript of each letter offered for credit will be rated as a whole on the basis of the "mailable letter." No candidate shall receive a rating of more than 80 per cent unless at least one of the letters transscribed is free from errors that would make it "unmailable."

An untidy, poorly arranged letter shall not be considered mailable, or if any changes are necessary which would deface its appearance, such as interlineations, etc., it shall not be considered mailable; but no letter shall be considered unmailable which contains not more than two errors which could be satisfactorily corrected on the typewriter without rewriting the letter.

For each transcript of a letter that could be signed and mailed by a careful and competent business correspondent, *five* additional credits will be given.

#### Illustration

| Value                                                           | 20 |
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| Deductions:                                                     |    |
| Misspelled word 2                                               |    |
| Plural for singular 1                                           |    |
| Total deductions.                                               | 3  |
| First rating                                                    | 17 |
| Both of the above errors could be changed on the typewriter     |    |
| without defacing the letter; so, the letter may be termed "mail |    |
| able" and is awarded five points credit                         | 5  |
| Final grade                                                     | 22 |

Typewritten transcripts of the examination in Shorthand II shall be rated according to the following schedule, the deductions to be made from 80 per cent:

- a. Two credits shall be deducted for each of the following:
- 1. Misspelled word (only one charge for any one word repeatedly misspelled). Because pupils are permitted the use of erasers, uncorrected typographical errors in words, including "strike-overs," will automatically classify the words as misspelled.
- 2. Incorrect division of words at the end of a line.
- b. One credit should be deducted for each of the following:
- Added, omitted or wrong word which changes the meaning of the letter. (No deduction will be made for the intelligent substitution, addition, omission, or transposition of an occasional word or words, provided the original meaning is not changed or the English impaired. This does not sanction wholesale substitution of words. The maximum number of substituted, added, omitted, and transposed words permitted in one letter shall be three.)
- 2. Plural for singular, past tense for present, any modification of the dictated word that impairs the English of the letter; that is, "cover" for "covering." No charge should be made for an error that is the result of an original error penalized under this clause unless the English is impaired. If the English is im-

paired, an additional deduction of one credit should be made for each incorrect word.

- 3. Transposition of words, that is "Each book be should read."
- 4. Use of longhand in notes, even if placed above or near short-hand outline, except for proper names, figures, and addresses.
- 5. Erasure of longhand in notes and replacement by shorthand.
- 6. Poor erasure on transcript.
- 7. Gross error in punctuation or capitalization, such as failure to place punctuation at the end of a sentence or to capitalize the first word of a sentence.
- 8. Repeated word.
- c. One-half credit should be deducted for *each* of the following (maximum charge in any one letter shall be four credits):
  - 1. Error in paragraphing, capitalization, or punctuation. (Other correct paragraphing, capitalization, and punctuation than that on the copy should be accepted.)
  - 2. Omission or incorrect use of hyphen.
  - 3. Unauthorized abbreviation or contraction of words.
  - 4. Omission of date.
  - 5. Omission of "enclosure" when required.
  - 6. Omission of dictator's and stenographer's initials.
  - 7. Minor typewriting errors; that is, spacing and use of shift key.
- d. The total deductions for each letter shall not exceed the number of credits assigned to the letter.
- e. From one to five credits shall be deducted for lack of neatness or for any error not specified above.

Note.—Pen-written Transcripts. The provisions covering the "mailable letter" apply only to typewritten Shorthand II examinations and do not govern pen-written transcripts. Deductions for errors on pen-written transcripts shall be made from 100 per cent. Pen-written transcripts submitted in the Shorthand II examinations shall be rated according to the above schedule with the exception that two credits shall be deducted for each error in Group B and one credit shall be deducted for each error in Group C. The maximum deductions under c will be four credits on each letter.

# PART II

A COLLECTION OF ACTUAL CORRESPONDENCE, ALL CAREFULLY GRADED, REPRESENTING VARIOUS LINES OF BUSINESS



Miss Daisy Hitt

Sixth and Minnesota Streets

Kansas City, Kansas

My dear Miss Hitt:

Answering your inquiry of March 7,10 we E have the lectures in this course now prepared for 20 distribution. Upon receipt of your check for \$5 we<sup>30</sup> shall be glad to send you the fifteen lectures comprising40 "Part I."

If you wish to send \$10, we<sup>50</sup> shall include the second part of the course with the60 exception of two of the lectures which have yet to70 be com-

pleted.

Should you decide you do not wish the80 second part, we shall be glad to have you place 90 the order with us for some time when the fifteen 100 lectures comprising it can be sent to you.

After you<sup>110</sup> have read over the lectures we shall be glad to<sup>120</sup> have your opinion of them.

Very truly yours, (128—1.28)

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Mr. E. B. Prentice

334 Ninth Street

San Pedro, California

Dear Sir:

You are listed with us as one of 10 our regular

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patrons and that very fact gives us a<sup>20</sup> sense of greater obligation to you. We want to be<sup>30</sup> sure that you receive the best we have in service<sup>40</sup> and merchandise.

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That's one reason why we have sold you<sup>50</sup> Goodtime tires. We know you are going to have real<sup>60</sup> tire satisfaction so long as your car is equipped with<sup>70</sup> Goodtimes.

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Goodtime has always built a good tire, one that<sup>80</sup> motorists the world over have learned to depend upon. They<sup>90</sup> have learned that day in and day out these tires<sup>100</sup> will stand the gaff on any road, just because they<sup>110</sup> are built right from carcass to the big, heavy all-<sup>120</sup>weather tread. That's why more people ride on Goodtime tires<sup>130</sup> than on any other kind.

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But unless you let us<sup>140</sup> look over your tires once in a while you may<sup>150</sup> not get all the mileage Goodtime intended you should. Neglected<sup>160</sup> cuts and other delayed repairs can cause you a lot<sup>170</sup> of trouble and cost you money. Let us look over<sup>180</sup> your tires often. Why not stop in today? It won't<sup>190</sup> take more than a minute or two.

Yours very truly,200 (200-1.29)

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Mr. Clifford T. Coe

125 Grand Avenue

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

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Will you please let us know whether M.<sup>10</sup> J. Duffy is still in your service? We have written<sup>20</sup> to him for certain information that we need

in connection<sup>30</sup> with his application for a bond, but he has ignored<sup>40</sup> our letter, a copy of which we enclose. If he<sup>50</sup> is still in your service a word from you would<sup>60</sup> doubtless help along the matter.

Yours truly, (67—1.31)

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Mr. F. J. Frank 265 Eastland Avenue

Akron, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Every once in a while we like to<sup>10</sup> stop long enough to let our good friends know that<sup>20</sup> we really appreciate their business.

It's always a genuine pleasure<sup>30</sup> to serve you, and we hope the type of service<sup>40</sup> you are getting here is entirely satisfactory. If it isn't,<sup>50</sup> we want you to tell us. We want it to<sup>60</sup> be satisfactory, for you are in a measure responsible for<sup>70</sup> the growth and success of our business.

You may have<sup>80</sup> some suggestions for improvements in our service. If you have<sup>90</sup> we'll be mighty glad to have you tell us about<sup>100</sup> them. The best suggestions we get for improvements come from<sup>110</sup> our friends. You may have the biggest and best one<sup>120</sup> yet. It may not seem very important to you, yet<sup>130</sup> might be just the thing we need.

Whether you have 140 any suggestions or not stop in when you are going 150 by—we're always glad to see you.

Yours very truly, 160 (160—1.32)

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Mr. James Wright
60 Orange Street
Albany, New York

Dear Sir:

I note with pleasure that you have acquired<sup>10</sup> one of our book banks but that you have not<sup>20</sup> as yet opened up your account at this bank. May<sup>30</sup> I suggest that you do so as soon as possible,<sup>40</sup> thereby obtaining the full benefit to which you are entitled,<sup>50</sup> having interest compounded on the first of each month.

Won't<sup>60</sup> you permit us to put our services entirely at your<sup>70</sup> disposal by bringing in your bank so that your account<sup>80</sup> may be placed on our books?

Very truly yours, (89—1.33)

#### 204

Mr. George B. Ellis 115 South Market Street Waterloo, Illinois

Dear Sir:

We are making you a shipment today of <sup>10</sup> Knitten coats from your fall order. You will note we<sup>20</sup> are dating your invoice as of August 15, which is<sup>30</sup> the date of shipment specified on your order.

We send<sup>40</sup> the coats ahead of time because we find that our<sup>50</sup> customers all over the country are selling a great many<sup>80</sup> Knitten coats during July and August to men who want<sup>70</sup> a topcoat to take on their vacations.

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We believe you<sup>80</sup> will be glad to have the coats early in view<sup>90</sup> of the dating.

Very truly yours, (96—1.35)

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Mr. E. P. Buxton
12 Lincoln Highway
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Sometimes we receive as many as one thousand<sup>10</sup> repair jobs in a single day. Some of these jobs<sup>20</sup> are free and some of them carry a service charge.<sup>30</sup> The decision as to whether the job should be done<sup>40</sup> free or whether it should be charged for is made<sup>50</sup> by experts in our repair department. If the job carries<sup>60</sup> a charge, an invoice is sent and the charge is<sup>70</sup> passed on to our accounting department.

There is no repair<sup>80</sup> charge on our books that is not just and correct<sup>90</sup> so far as we know. We have extended you the<sup>100</sup> courtesy of doing the work, as well as the credit<sup>110</sup> accommodation involved. We fail to understand your attitude in accepting<sup>120</sup> the service and failing to remit if you think the<sup>130</sup> amount is due us, or in failing to explain the<sup>140</sup> mistake if you consider the charge is wrong.

We desire<sup>150</sup> to dispose of the small balance that we have against<sup>160</sup> you on repair account and we hope that you will<sup>170</sup> pay or explain by return mail the charge we have<sup>180</sup> against you amounting to \$1.75.

Yours<sup>190</sup> very truly, (192-1.33)

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Mr. Frederick Stearns
52 Park Row
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Your check for \$18 in payment of the attached receipted invoice from our Paris shop is very much appreciated, and we do hope you enjoyed wearing the ties ordered.

So far you have not given us the 40 privilege of serving you in our New York shop, at 50 least not on a charge basis, but we hope we 60 can look forward to this pleasure in the near future. 70 We cordially invite you to come in and see us. 80

Yours very truly, (83-1.34)

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Mr. Andrew A. Clarke 117 Seneca Street Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir:

We thank you for the check for \$121.73 which you mailed to us on May 10.

Evidently you have deducted a cash<sup>30</sup> discount on both the March and April invoices.

We realize<sup>40</sup> that this was an oversight on your part, but if<sup>50</sup> we were to let it pass we would do an<sup>60</sup> injustice to those whose remittances were received on time. The<sup>70</sup> only way we can assure fairness to all is to<sup>80</sup> make our terms uniform, namely, 2 per cent for cash<sup>90</sup> received on or before the tenth of the month following<sup>100</sup> date of invoice, or thirty days net.

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For this reason<sup>110</sup> we know you will be glad to include with your<sup>120</sup> next remittance \$2.48, the amount of <sup>130</sup> the discount on the March invoice.

Yours very truly, (139—1.34)

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E. A. Ashdown & Company 340 Leader Building Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

If our representative instead of this letter should come<sup>10</sup> into your place of business and should show you an<sup>20</sup> order all made out, saying to you, "I have been<sup>30</sup> calling upon you for years. I know your requirements. This<sup>40</sup> is the order I believe will take care of your<sup>50</sup> business for the present," wouldn't you listen to his suggestions?<sup>60</sup>

We have made out the attached order. We have made<sup>70</sup> it out after a study of the orders you have<sup>80</sup> placed with us in the past. You will notice the<sup>90</sup> order is a comparatively small one, but it is just<sup>100</sup> big enough to give you some special quantity prices.

We<sup>110</sup> want you to secure our very lowest prices, and we<sup>120</sup> want you to have a stock of our products on<sup>130</sup> hand best adapted to your particular trade. You can change<sup>140</sup> this order as you see fit. If you reduce the<sup>150</sup> quantity, the prices will advance according to the price list<sup>160</sup> attached. If you increase the quantity by adding twenty-five<sup>170</sup> rolls, the price will be reduced somewhat.

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judicious buying. It is just as<sup>190</sup> much to our interest as it is to yours that<sup>200</sup> you buy judiciously. Therefore, we are suggesting the attached order.<sup>210</sup> All you have to do is to sign it, change<sup>220</sup> it if you see fit, and return it to us.<sup>230</sup>

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Yours very truly, Sales Manager (235—1.34)

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Messrs. Miller & Schaffer 877 Sherman Street

Williamsport, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

We are getting just a little uneasy about the <sup>10</sup> order you placed with us for spring which has not <sup>20</sup> been confirmed. It is our understanding that you do not <sup>30</sup> want the order booked until confirmation is received by us. <sup>40</sup>

The price of woolens has gone up to such an<sup>50</sup> extent that we are unable to buy another yard of <sup>60</sup> goods for spring. The moment a lot is sold out<sup>70</sup> we close it and withdraw it from the sale.

We<sup>80</sup> are afraid that unless we get your order covered, booked, <sup>90</sup> and into work quickly, we are going to find that <sup>100</sup> in a short time the order will be in pretty <sup>110</sup> bad shape.

We believe you know that it is not<sup>120</sup> our policy to try to bull the market or cry<sup>130</sup> higher prices to our customers. A thing of this kind<sup>140</sup> is something that we seldom mention to our trade. This<sup>150</sup> season, however, we do not feel that we want to<sup>160</sup> assume the responsibility of having your goods all sold out<sup>170</sup> by the time your order is confirmed, and for that<sup>180</sup> reason we feel it our duty to write you these<sup>190</sup> facts.

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In case you are unable to confirm immediately, will<sup>200</sup> you write us how you wish us to handle the210 order so that we shall not be held responsible for<sup>220</sup> delivery later on?

We are writing this letter to all<sup>230</sup> of our customers who have not yet confirmed. We await<sup>240</sup> the pleasure of your further wishes in this matter.

Very<sup>250</sup> truly yours, (252—1.34)

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Mr. J. A. Wallace 209 College Street Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Sir:

It is not an easy matter to call<sup>10</sup> attention to an unpaid bill. It is difficult for two20 reasons: First, we know ourselves what it means to meet<sup>36</sup> obligations. Second, and more compelling, we need your friendship and40 patronage. Constant reminders like this, besides being expensive to us,50 cause us to run the risk of losing that friendship<sup>60</sup> on which this business was founded, and upon which its70 continued success quite largely depends.

May we continue to have 80 both of them? Please sit down now, while it is 90 on your mind, and send us a check for the100 amount that is now due us-\$2.45.110

Yours truly,

P. S. If we do not hear<sup>120</sup> from you in response to this letter we shall assume130 that you agree that the account is correct and we140 will take the liberty of making sight draft upon you150 for the amount we claim is past due. (158-1.34)

Mr. Charles W. Partridge 214 Exterior Street Savannah, Georgia

Dear Sir:

A man may be successful and still not<sup>10</sup> possess the manner and the appearance that make the proper<sup>20</sup> impression upon his associates.

A man may not wear Belding<sup>30</sup> shoes and still be one of the finest fellows in<sup>40</sup> the world. But, certainly, his choice of attire, especially shoes,<sup>50</sup> reflects his taste, and in the eyes of his friends<sup>60</sup> and acquaintances Belding shoes indicate a man of refinement.

Belding<sup>70</sup> shoes are made for men to whom the finer things<sup>80</sup> of life appeal—who have a true eye for correct<sup>90</sup> effect and a desire for real comfort and long service.<sup>100</sup>

Possibly you are ready for your next pair now. We'd<sup>110</sup> like to have you see the new styles that will<sup>120</sup> be worn this season.

Yours very truly, (127—1.35)

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Mr. Albert Leonard 1931 Fourth Avenue Seattle, Washington

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the order you gave our<sup>10</sup> representative, Mr. Jonas. We were pleased to receive this but<sup>20</sup> were disappointed to find you had not accompanied it by<sup>30</sup> your check to take care of the balance due on<sup>40</sup> your account.

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We have tried to handle your account in<sup>50</sup> a manner fair to you and to this company, but<sup>60</sup> seem to have failed. At least you have not paid<sup>70</sup> any attention to the many letters we have written you,<sup>80</sup> and are letting your account become seriously delinquent. It is<sup>90</sup> not fair to either of us to compel us to<sup>100</sup> write you again and again.

We dislike to withhold shipment<sup>110</sup> of any merchandise our dealers might order, for this firm<sup>120</sup> looks upon all of its customers as personal friends. But<sup>130</sup> you must know that it requires a good deal of<sup>140</sup> money to maintain a business such as ours, and the<sup>150</sup> collection of all outstanding accounts both large and small is<sup>160</sup> essential.

If you haven't yet sent us your check in<sup>170</sup> settlement, attach it to this letter and return the letter<sup>180</sup> to us. Your order will then be shipped the same<sup>190</sup> day your check comes in.

Yours' very truly, (198—1.35)

#### 213

Mr. Philip L. Powers 209 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Powers:

On the first of January and of <sup>10</sup> July of each year this bank makes a practice of <sup>20</sup> dividing its profits with its savings depositors. We divide these <sup>30</sup> profits in the form of 3 per cent compound interest <sup>40</sup> on savings.

Some time ago we were mighty glad to<sup>50</sup> have you open a savings account with us, but in<sup>60</sup> going over our books it appears that you have not<sup>70</sup> been visiting us very often of late.

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We do not<sup>80</sup> have any doubt that circumstances have interfered with your systematic<sup>90</sup> savings plan, but I just thought that I would write<sup>100</sup> you this little letter and suggest that now, the beginning<sup>110</sup> of a new interest period, is a good time to<sup>120</sup> get started.

Why not make up your mind that you<sup>130</sup> are going to spend a little less than you earn<sup>140</sup> during the next six months and that you are going<sup>150</sup> to deposit that difference in your savings account?

Don't you<sup>160</sup> think that if you did this the balance on your<sup>170</sup> savings pass book next July, plus the 3 per cent<sup>180</sup> interest we will add, would give you something to be<sup>190</sup> proud of?

Think it over and then come in and200 see us.

Yours very truly, Cashier (206—1.35)

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Miss Elizabeth Parsons

1204 First Street

Des Moines, Iowa

My dear Miss Parsons:

Our bookkeeper has asked me to<sup>10</sup> write you a little note to see if it is<sup>20</sup> not possible for you to clear up the balance of<sup>30</sup> \$7 due on your box rental.

You know this<sup>40</sup> has been running since last summer, and we feel there<sup>50</sup> must be some reason for the unusual delay. Perhaps our<sup>60</sup> letters and statements have not reached you.

If it is 70 just through an oversight that payment has not been made, 80 we feel sure you will appreciate this further reminder.

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In 90 any event, do let us hear from you. We would 100 dislike so much to have any misunderstanding arise to mar 110 the very pleasant relations we have enjoyed.

We are awaiting<sup>120</sup> your reply, which I am sure you will give soon.<sup>130</sup>

Cordially yours, (132—1.36)

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The First National Bank Hancock, New York Gentlemen:

If it is necessary at any time to charge<sup>10</sup> us on collections, will you be kind enough to bill<sup>20</sup> us for these charges and we will mail you check<sup>30</sup> in payment. Do not debit our account, as we would<sup>40</sup> much prefer to handle it in the above manner.

Yours<sup>50</sup> very truly, (52—1.36)

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Mr. Cyrus Williams 29 Seventh Street Union City, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

At this time of the year most men<sup>10</sup> start to give some thought to their fall wardrobes.

This<sup>20</sup> season we have assembled the best and most appropriate wearing<sup>30</sup> apparel for men, combined with the latest styles, models, and<sup>40</sup> exclusive woolens. Even though you may not be ready to<sup>50</sup> make your purchases right now, we believe that it would<sup>60</sup> be worth your while to call

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at any of our 70 seven stores and "compare."

Our fall suits will range in 80 price from \$35 to \$80 and fall of topcoats will range from \$35 to \$65,100

These represent the utmost in cloths and tailoring value<sup>110</sup> that it is possible for a merchant to give.

We<sup>120</sup> hope we may have the pleasure of having you call130 in the very near future.

Very truly yours, (138—1.36)

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Mr. Howard C. Roberts

49 Shawmut Avenue

New Bedford, Massachusetts

We want your business.

In order to enjoy<sup>10</sup> your patronage we chose the best line of mechanical rubber<sup>20</sup> goods we were able to find.

The overwhelming feature in<sup>30</sup> favor of the a do Goodtime line is the fact that it 40 is made on a service basis and that it is 50 sold on a service basis. When you buy a Goodtime60 belt you have a belt that is made exactly for 70 the work for which you bought it.

> Goodtime did not<sup>80</sup> ask us to consider their line on a basis of 90 price competition and we, in turn, forego the privilege of 100 fighting for our business by slicing pennies. If you are 110 interested in getting material that is dependable, and if you<sup>120</sup> want to effect a real saving in your belt and 130 hose expense, then we advise considering Goodtime mechanical goods, for<sup>140</sup> it is not the price

Cv. Dear Sir:

you pay for a belt<sup>150</sup> or hose that counts, it's the amount of money you<sup>160</sup> pay out in the course of six months, a year,<sup>170</sup> ten years.

Give us the opportunity to demonstrate to you<sup>180</sup> how and why Goodtime mechanical goods will give you the<sup>190</sup> kind of service to which you are entitled, and at<sup>200</sup> a lower cost.

Yours very truly, (206-1.36)

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Mrs. Grace M. Hallock 220 Main Avenue San Antonio, Texas

Dear Madam:

We are glad to send you a recipe<sup>10</sup> book. You will find it full of recipes for baked<sup>20</sup> goods all the family like so well. And the best<sup>30</sup> part of it is—you are sure everything is going<sup>40</sup> to turn out fine.

When you stop to realize how<sup>50</sup> much happiness comes from the goods you bake, work really<sup>60</sup> becomes a pleasure. You find yourself proud of what you<sup>70</sup> are doing. That is just how we feel about our<sup>80</sup> products. We make quite a few, as you will notice<sup>90</sup> on the back cover of the recipe book. Every one<sup>100</sup> we are glad to recommend, even to the most critical<sup>110</sup> of our friends.

You would enjoy using these other food<sup>120</sup> products. They all have the high quality you find in<sup>130</sup> Mixo. For instance, there are O-K oats—"the quickest<sup>140</sup> hot cereal." Such an original nutlike flavor and the convenience<sup>150</sup> of two-minute cooking are qualities you'll always

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remember. May<sup>160</sup> we suggest that the next time you order groceries you<sup>170</sup> try a box of O-K. Soon it will be<sup>180</sup> a favorite cereal of the whole family.

Deckers' farina raised<sup>190</sup> "The Healthiest Baby in New York City." We're mighty proud<sup>200</sup> of the award and suggest this wheat cereal for growing<sup>210</sup> children.

Yours very truly, (214-1.36)

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Messrs. D. W. Harris & Company 1230 South Bend Street South Bend, Indiana

Gentlemen:

Will you please settle the balance that is open<sup>10</sup> on your account by the first of next week.

As<sup>20</sup> our fiscal year is about to end it is imperative<sup>30</sup> that we bring all past-due accounts up to date.<sup>40</sup>

We thank you for your sincere cooperation in this matter.<sup>50</sup>

Very truly yours, (53—1.37)

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Mr. Alexander S. Massel

Central Commercial Continuation School 725 Broadway

New York, New York

My dear Mr. Massel:

Thank you for your letter of 10 March 4 enclosing a list of your class who visited 20 our plant.

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We take pleasure in sending you linotype slugs<sup>30</sup> of the names of the members of your class, and<sup>40</sup> also one for yourself.

Our plant is open to you<sup>50</sup> for further visits. Yours very truly, (57—1.37)

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Mr. George A. Whitney 312 Park Avenue Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

Your instructions of April 23 to cancel<sup>10</sup> your order have been received. Before doing this we want<sup>20</sup> to point out that Nutto has increased in price ½<sup>30</sup> cent a pound since you bought it. Under these<sup>40</sup> circumstances we believe you will prefer to let the order<sup>50</sup> stand, as now you should be able to net even<sup>60</sup> a larger profit than ordinarily.

Just note your further wishes<sup>70</sup> at the foot of this letter and return it to<sup>80</sup> us.

Yours very truly, (84-1.37)

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Mr. J. Adam Peters 1102 Astor Place Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Here is an opportunity for you to read<sup>10</sup> the most intimate history of the Wilson administration,

"The Peace<sup>20</sup> Negotiations" is a personal narrative by Robert Lansing. The real<sup>30</sup> story of the Peace Conference told for the first time<sup>46</sup>

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And maybe we'll please you so well you'll send your friends here. You can be sure we'll make them glad you'll recommended us to them.

Yours very truly, (137-1.37)

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Mr. P. D. Thomas 477 Hopkins Street Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir:

I look every day for the signed original<sup>10</sup> of the contract which I left with you for space<sup>20</sup> in our periodical during 1927. I feel<sup>30</sup> sure you do not want to miss the December issue,<sup>40</sup> for it is from this issue that a great deal<sup>50</sup> of buying is done.

You must consider that this issue of the publication is in the hands of its readers about the 20th of November, and during the last few days of November and the first two weeks of December almost all the buyers are endeavoring to anticipate the big wear-end rush.

Won't you send this contract down to 110 me at your earliest convenience, telling me whether to repeat 25 your copy or whether you will use new copy?

Yours<sup>120</sup> very truly, (132—1.37)

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Mr. J. S. McNight 224 McKinley Avenue Salem, Ohio

Dear Sir:

We note the changes you wish to have10

made in your order and have arranged to forward the assortment requested in your letter.

It is a pleasure for<sup>30</sup> us to comply with your request.

Yours very truly, (39-1.38)

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Mr. Henry H. Peters 162 York Street

New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 10 November 1, in which you request us to forward you<sup>20</sup> a history booklet of our road. We do not have<sup>30</sup> such a booklet on hand at this office at the<sup>40</sup> present time, but we are writing our General Passenger Agent<sup>50</sup> at Baltimore in regard to it, If he is able<sup>60</sup> to locate such a booklet we shall be pleased to<sup>70</sup> forward it to you.

In the meantime if there is 80 any further information that you desire please do not hesitate 90 to call on us.

Very truly yours, (97—1.38)

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Mr. H. E. Gibbs Burdette Building Hornell, New York

Dear Sir:

Since writing our recent letter regarding the sales<sup>10</sup> value and economy of our transfer trademarks and window<sup>20</sup> signs, it occurred to us that you might be using<sup>30</sup> transfers.

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While you may not now be in the market<sup>40</sup> for a new supply, we would like to quote on<sup>50</sup> your future requirements or assist you in devising a new<sup>60</sup> and more effective design.

If you will simply fill in<sup>70</sup> the return card, and jot down the approximate date when<sup>80</sup> you will again be in the market for transfers, we<sup>90</sup> will bring this matter to your attention at the proper time.<sup>100</sup>

Yours truly, (102—1.38)

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Mr. Frederick W. Richter 25 Fort Street

Springfield, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I hope that the book which we recently 10 had the pleasure of sending you has proved satisfactory.

Perhaps<sup>20</sup> it has proved so very satisfactory that you would like<sup>30</sup> to know about some of the other books we are<sup>40</sup> publishing this season. I am therefore sending a card, which<sup>50</sup> I hope you will be good enough to fill out<sup>60</sup> and return to me. I shall then be able to<sup>70</sup> send you special announcements whenever we publish a new book<sup>80</sup> on subjects in which you will be particularly interested.

If 90 there is any other way in which I may be 100 of service to you I hope that you will remember 110 my name and that you will write to me personally. 120

Yours very truly, (123-1.38)

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Messrs. Riggins & Beak
425 Lakeview Building
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

Attached you will find a bill which you recently 10 sent to us.

It must have been misdirected as we<sup>20</sup> have no client by that name. We are returning it<sup>30</sup> so that you may redirect it to the proper address.<sup>40</sup>

Very truly yours, (43—1.39)

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Mr. William Jennings 123 East Bay Street Jacksonville, Florida

My dear Mr. Jennings:

May we not ask your consideration<sup>10</sup> in connection with your purchases of grocery supplies?

Apparently quite<sup>20</sup> some time has elapsed since we were last favored with<sup>30</sup> an order. This is a matter of regret to us,<sup>40</sup> as we would like very much to do business with<sup>50</sup> you every month in the year and really believe that<sup>60</sup> we can offer advantages in quality, value, and service that<sup>70</sup> would appeal to you.

Kindly keep us in mind. When<sup>80</sup> you again have occasion to place an order for goods<sup>90</sup> in this line, send it to us and we promise<sup>100</sup> that you will be more than pleased with the result.<sup>110</sup>

Very truly yours, (113-1.39)

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Mr. C. A. Norman

237 Arlington Street

Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

Our auditors have again called the attention of this department to a charge of November 28 for \$3.86, which is still open on 30 our books.

In view of the nominal sum involved, we<sup>40</sup>
feel sure your non-payment thus far is simply
due<sup>50</sup> to an oversight. We are quite anxious to
have just<sup>60</sup> such old matters adjusted; hence we
ask that you be<sup>70</sup> good enough to take care of this
matter immediately.

Very<sup>80</sup> truly yours, (82—1.39)

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Mr. Walter E. Chapman 17 Barrister Building Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We cannot blame you for being disappointed with<sup>10</sup> the merchandise mentioned in your letter of July 11. Of<sup>20</sup> course, we are very sorry for all the inconvenience you<sup>30</sup> have been caused.

As soon as your first letter came, <sup>40</sup> we wrote our representative, Mr. Reynolds, and asked him to <sup>50</sup> call on you, which will be within the next week. <sup>60</sup> Tests under your working conditions ought to solve the difficulty. <sup>70</sup>

Unfortunately, there seems to be little more that we can<sup>80</sup> suggest by letter, since we have never received a report<sup>90</sup> of similar trouble. We

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وہ سی سے hope that you can work with<sup>100</sup> as little inconvenience as possible until Mr. Reynolds arrives and<sup>110</sup> that you will let us know if his call does<sup>120</sup> not remedy the trouble.

Yours very truly, (127—1.39)

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Mr. J. D. Fairchild 1324 Harrison Street Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Sir:

When you start up your power machinery you<sup>10</sup> usually figure on getting a certain amount of work done<sup>20</sup> by quitting time.

Engines and tractors are built now so<sup>30</sup> they give very little trouble; and machines—saws, grinders, cutting-<sup>40</sup>machines, etc.—need only ordinary attention.

The only thing that<sup>50</sup> may cause interruption and delay is the connecting link between<sup>60</sup> engine and machine—the belt.

A power outfit is only<sup>70</sup> as good as the belt; that's why it pays to<sup>80</sup> use a belt that will work right along, rain or<sup>90</sup> shine, from the first day you hang it on the<sup>100</sup> pulleys.

Holmes Kling-snug is that belt. It is so flexible<sup>110</sup> that it hugs the pulleys closely by its own weight.<sup>120</sup> Its friction surface grips the pulleys with practically no slippage,<sup>130</sup> no jerks, and no loss of power. That is easy<sup>140</sup> on the bearings of your machines and makes them last<sup>150</sup> longer.

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in; we'll be glad to show it to you and 170 tell you how it's made. The price is right.

Yours<sup>180</sup> very truly, (182-1.39)

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Mrs. John Dennison 121 Gunther Street Detroit, Michigan

Dear Madam:

You have been greatly inconvenienced in heating water<sup>10</sup> for some time.

We are anxious to solve your water-20 heating problem with the Red Star Water Heater described in 30 the enclosed booklet.

This heater will give you plenty of steaming hot water for bathing, laundry, and cleaning in the quickest possible time. It will not only heat water in the quick time of a gas heater, but will do to the quick time of a gas heater, but will do to the more cheaply. You can use this heater for ten hours with one gallon of kerosene or gasoline—a cost of about two pennies per hour.

After you have a<sup>100</sup> Red Star Water Heater installed in your home, the fuel<sup>110</sup> cost is the only cost. There is no wear-out<sup>120</sup> to the big iron burners, and the copper coil will<sup>130</sup> last through many years of ordinary use.

This is a<sup>140</sup> cordial invitation for you to visit our store and see<sup>150</sup> this heater demonstrated without obligation. It will be a revelation<sup>160</sup> to you.

May we expect you in a day or<sup>170</sup> two? Yours very truly, (174—1.39)

Mr. Henry Holmes

25 East Crane Street

Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

You are, no doubt, acquainted with the fact<sup>10</sup> that we have been serving an ever-increasing number of<sup>20</sup> camps from year to year. The continued success which we<sup>30</sup> have enjoyed is due to the effort that has always<sup>40</sup> been put forth to give full value and service for<sup>50</sup> every dollar expended here. We owe a debt of gratitude<sup>60</sup> to all of our patrons for the assistance they have<sup>70</sup> rendered in our steady growth.

In a short while you<sup>80</sup> will be thinking of the outfit for your camp. Because<sup>90</sup> of the complete way in which we are prepared to<sup>100</sup> take care of your requirements we desire to present our<sup>110</sup> proposition to you before you make your final decision.

In<sup>120</sup> preparing for the season of 1927 we<sup>130</sup> are again making a decided increase in our organization. Last<sup>140</sup> year we added twenty-two new camps to our list;<sup>150</sup> this year we will be prepared to take care of thirty additional camps and still maintain our 96 per cent delivery service in twenty-four hours. This was our cecord last year.

We shall be glad to have you<sup>190</sup> pay us a visit, or get in touch with you,<sup>200</sup> whether you are prepared to make arrangements now or just<sup>210</sup> to become acquainted.

Yours very truly, (216—1.39)

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Mr. George Howe
225 National Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

We regret exceedingly to learn from your letter<sup>10</sup> of December 20 that you have been annoyed by some<sup>20</sup> of the buttons coming off the shirts you ordered in<sup>30</sup> our Paris shop. This is most unusual, as the workmanship<sup>40</sup> in Paris, as a rule, is superior to ours here,<sup>50</sup> and we are constantly being complimented in this connection. This<sup>60</sup> is the very first complaint we have ever had on<sup>70</sup> this score.

It will be a pleasure for us to<sup>80</sup> take care of this matter for you, and we can<sup>90</sup> do either of two things: ask you to return the<sup>100</sup> shirts, when we will immediately have buttons securely sewed on;<sup>110</sup> or we will send you any number of buttons you<sup>120</sup> may need.

Mr. Robert King will not be in Cleveland<sup>130</sup> again until about the first of April. If his visit<sup>140</sup> were only a few weeks off we would ask you<sup>150</sup> to indulge us until then, so he could persor ally adjust<sup>160</sup> the matter for you. But his trip is too far<sup>170</sup> off for this, so we will await your instructions either<sup>180</sup> with the return of the shirts or a sample of the buttons needed for the garments.

Please accept our apologies<sup>200</sup> for the inconvenience you have been occasioned, for which we<sup>210</sup> are very sorry. We hope you will give us the<sup>220</sup> privilege of taking care of this matter for

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you, with<sup>230</sup> the assurance your instructions will have instant attention.

Yours very<sup>240</sup> truly, (241—1.39)

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Mr. E. H. Raymond

221 North Sixteenth Street

Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Sir:

We're all creatures of habit. But with most<sup>10</sup> of us habits are not easily formed—at least not<sup>20</sup> good ones. For instance, you probably have formed the habit<sup>30</sup> of going to certain establishments for your clothing, food, drug<sup>40</sup> supplies, and other necessities. You patronize these particular places because<sup>50</sup> you have found by experience that they give you just<sup>60</sup> what you want at the price you want to pay.<sup>70</sup>

But have you found such a place when it comes<sup>80</sup> to buying the things you need for your automobile? Do<sup>90</sup> you know where you can go and always be sure<sup>100</sup> of uniformly courteous, prompt, fair treatment—a place where you<sup>110</sup> can safely send your wife, or one of your children,<sup>120</sup> and be certain of getting what you sent for?

If <sup>130</sup> you want to solve this question of where to go<sup>140</sup> for complete automobile service—if you want absolute assurance of <sup>150</sup> satisfaction—if you want fair, square, courteous treatment and the <sup>160</sup> best of everything at the lowest possible prices—we can<sup>170</sup> give you all this.

We want your business, and if 180 we get it we will make every effort to take 190 the best possible care of you.

Very truly yours, (199—1.39)

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Mr. M. C. Weil

128 North Fourth Street Columbus, Ohio

Dear Sir:

We thank you for the order in your<sup>10</sup> letter of January 10.

On January 11, we made shipment<sup>20</sup> by parcel post of a pair of tan oxfords, size<sup>30</sup> 8, price \$5.50. We hope that they<sup>40</sup> will meet with your approval.

Yours very truly, (48-1.40)

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Mr. C. T. Williams

902 Ninth Street North West Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We are very glad to note your interest<sup>10</sup> in our chains as expressed in your letter of May<sup>20</sup> 24. We are enclosing several leaflets illustrating some of <sup>30</sup> the items that we manufacture, and we are sure that<sup>40</sup> you will be glad to look them over.

The prices<sup>50</sup> listed are consumers' prices. If you have no local jeweler<sup>60</sup> from whom you can obtain these goods, we shall be<sup>70</sup> glad to supply you direct upon receipt of the amount<sup>80</sup> specified, plus 5 per cent to cover the luxury tax<sup>90</sup> we are obliged to collect for the Government on sales<sup>100</sup> of this sort.

Should you favor us with an order, 110 kindly let us know the name of your jeweler through 120 whom you usually make such purchases, in order

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that we<sup>130</sup> may give him the benefit of the sale. It is<sup>140</sup> not our policy to distribute our products direct to the<sup>150</sup> consumer.

Very truly yours, (154—1.40)

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Mrs. Ruth Watkins
112 Main Street

San Francisco, California

Dear Madam:

Upon investigation we find that our refund for \$1.29 was mailed to you on \$20 May 25. This was in adjusting return of a \$30 pair of sport shoes at this price.

We find it<sup>40</sup> impossible to make the desired exchange, as we no longer<sup>50</sup> have these shoes in

the size you desire.

We look<sup>60</sup> forward to a more favorable opportunity to serve you in<sup>70</sup> some other way.

Very truly yours, (76—1.40)

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Mr. Oscar S. Tyson 430 State Street

San Diego, California

Dear Sir:

Our recent letters have met with no response.<sup>10</sup> We are writing you again to inquire whether the catalogue<sup>20</sup> sent you has been received, and whether you have full<sup>30</sup> information regarding our quantity discounts.

Also we should like to<sup>40</sup> know if you are acquainted with our new method of <sup>50</sup> shipping

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through our distributors provided you do not care to<sup>60</sup> deal direct. And, last but not least, we should like<sup>70</sup> to know whether you are now ready to place your<sup>80</sup> order.

May we expect an early reply?

Yours very truly, 90 (90—1.40)

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Mr. Harry J. Sinclair 302 Main Street

Norwich, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

Last year we wrote to you several times, 10 and it is our intention to keep in touch with 20 you again this year. We want you to know what 30 we have to offer, and why you should come here 40 for what you want in our line.

This is not<sup>50</sup> an ordinary establishment. Here, under one roof, you can get<sup>60</sup> practically everything you need for your automobile—and get it<sup>70</sup> promptly and at the right price. You will find here<sup>80</sup> genuine courtesy, accuracy, expert workmanship, fine merchandise. a whole-hearted<sup>90</sup> desire to please.

We are indeed trying really to serve<sup>100</sup> the automobile-owning public, because we know that is the<sup>110</sup> only way to build a permanent business.

We want your<sup>120</sup> business, and we're not a bit ashamed to ask for<sup>130</sup> it, because we sincerely believe you cannot find a better<sup>140</sup> place to trade.

Drive in sometime and you will readily<sup>150</sup> see why you should come here regularly for your requirements.<sup>110</sup>

Very truly yours, (163—1.40)

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Messrs. Robert Hyland & Sons 110 Oakland Street San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

We are reporting, daily, new firms that are about<sup>10</sup> to go into business in the lines you sell to<sup>20</sup> in your local territory. We also report firms that are<sup>30</sup> about to move from one locality to another. These leads<sup>40</sup> mean new business for you.

We give you reports, in<sup>50</sup> advance, of new firms going into business in the lines<sup>60</sup> you deal with, as well as advance reports on firms<sup>70</sup> that are moving, and consequently will need the services of<sup>80</sup> someone in your line. We report all lines, but you<sup>90</sup> need to contract for reports on only the lines of<sup>100</sup> business you deal with.

Mail the enclosed postal today. It<sup>110</sup> will pay you to investigate.

Yours truly, (117—1.40)

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Mr. Fred E. Smith 44 Court Street

Brooklyn, New York

My dear Mr. Smith:

Sometime this morning you will be 10 called on the telephone by Mr. Joseph Robbins, who wishes 20 to make arrangements with you to complete the purchase of 30 the house at 1162 East Fourteenth Street. 40 Mr. Robbins and his family have satisfied themselves that the 50 house is

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exactly what they want, and we have referred<sup>60</sup> him to you to complete the sale and close the<sup>70</sup> title.

The price agreed upon is \$7,000 payable<sup>80</sup> in cash. I am sending you the warranty deed, the<sup>90</sup> extension agreement, and the policy of the Title Guaranty and<sup>100</sup> Trust Company, as Mr. Robbins may wish to examine them.<sup>110</sup>

In case he should not call, you may be able<sup>120</sup> to reach him easily, for he is a lawyer with<sup>130</sup> an office in your building.

If I can be of 140 any assistance to you I shall be glad to hear 150 from you.

Very truly yours, (155—1.40)

### 245

Mr. George F. McCarthy 2336 South Wabash Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

The coal strike which has recently ended has¹¹¹ no doubt caused you a great deal of worry and²¹¹ inconvenience. Although we used our best efforts in obtaining substitute³¹ fuel to meet your requirements, we know that they were⁴¹ not altogether satisfactory, and we therefore wish to apologize to⁵¹ you for the inconveniences you had last winter.

We can<sup>60</sup> assure you that we did our utmost to please you<sup>70</sup> with substitutes that we were able to obtain for you.<sup>80</sup>

Now that the coal strike is over and there is <sup>50</sup> plenty of good clean coal we wish to urge you<sup>100</sup> to order your next season's supply of coal when

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quality<sup>110</sup> is at its best and price at its lowest. We<sup>120</sup> are now ready to make prompt deliveries to you with<sup>130</sup> full weight and excellent service guaranteed.

We are therefore sending<sup>140</sup> you this letter to urge you to send in your<sup>150</sup> order on the enclosed card, as we feel it is<sup>160</sup> advisable under all circumstances to put in your coal as<sup>170</sup> soon as possible.

Very truly yours, (176-1.40)

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Mr. Harry J. Keller 437 Main Street

Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Sir:

If you feel as good about your recent<sup>10</sup> Food-Nut Day as did Mr. Adams at its close,<sup>20</sup> there is no doubt as to its success.

Thank you<sup>30</sup> for the whole-hearted way the members of your organization<sup>40</sup> took hold. It was their work that made the day<sup>50</sup> successful, not that of our salesman.

Selling things to the 60 people who eat them is your daily job. Ours is 70 so to make and so to package Food-Nut products 80 that they will be readily accepted by your customers at 90 a word from you and when given favorable display.

We<sup>100</sup> cannot expect every day will be Food-Nut Day with<sup>110</sup> you and our products given the right of way over<sup>120</sup> everything else; but we do know Food-Nut products are<sup>130</sup> everyday sellers. Your business on them should be stimulated because<sup>140</sup> of the special efforts recently made. It

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will, therefore, pay<sup>150</sup> you to keep Food-Nut products prominently displayed several weeks<sup>160</sup> ahead as reminders to your customers who may have become<sup>170</sup> acquainted with them the first time on Food-Nut Day.<sup>180</sup>

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Whenever traveling our way drop in at our town, both<sup>190</sup> to see Food-Nut products manufactured and to become personally<sup>200</sup> acquainted with the people behind the products.

Please accept our<sup>210</sup> sincere wishes for continued success in all of your work.<sup>220</sup>

Yours very truly, (223-1.40)

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Mr. C. L. Moore

11 South Ninth Street

Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Sir:

We are carrying a small balance on our books covering repair work. Small accounts like this are very<sup>20</sup> easily overlooked but cost just as much to handle and<sup>30</sup> carry along as the large ones.

We would very much<sup>40</sup> appreciate a check by return mail covering these charges.

Yours<sup>50</sup> very truly, (52-1.41)

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Mr. Nathan Berman 45 Butler Street Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

We are shipping the shoes to replace the 10 goods mentioned in your letter of April 1.

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The error<sup>20</sup> in the original shipment was made because the numbers in<sup>30</sup> your order did not correspond with the goods you wanted.<sup>40</sup> We are sorry that this has inconvenienced you.

If you<sup>50</sup> cannot use the boots and rubbers of course we should<sup>60</sup> like to have you return them at our expense for<sup>70</sup> credit.

Very truly yours, (74-1.41)

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Mr. John Blake

713 Jackson Avenue Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Blake:

Kindly permit us to extend to you<sup>10</sup> a hearty welcome to our city, and a cordial invitation<sup>20</sup> to make this store your trading home.

We shall be<sup>30</sup> glad to have you trade with us, at your pleasure,<sup>40</sup> upon the monthly charge account which has been established for<sup>50</sup> your convenience. You have the assurance that our best efforts<sup>60</sup> will be exerted at all times to serve you acceptably.<sup>70</sup>

Very truly yours, (73-1.41)

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Mr. Edward Roche 40 Greenfield Street Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of May 24,<sup>10</sup> our representative called to see you but did not<sup>20</sup> find you in. However, he learned from your repre-

sentative, Mr.<sup>30</sup> Green, that you are not interested as a distributor.

As<sup>40</sup> we do not sell direct to the consumer we are<sup>50</sup> pleased to refer you to your local dealer who will<sup>60</sup> be glad to take care of your requirements with Columbia<sup>70</sup> merchandise.

We thank you for your inquiry.

Very truly yours, 80 (80—1.41)

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Mr. Charles H. Emerson

215 Iris Street

West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Sir.

We should like to call your special attention<sup>10</sup> to the enclosed statement of \$149.36,<sup>20</sup> representing your overdue account.

Some of these<sup>30</sup> bills, as you will perceive, matured quite a long time<sup>40</sup> ago, and statements have been duly rendered for them.

At<sup>50</sup> the present late date we are, of course, anxious to<sup>60</sup> have all the fall bills straightened out. We solicit your<sup>70</sup> cooperation to the extent of seeing that your check is<sup>80</sup> sent promptly.

Very truly yours, (85-1.41)

### 252

Mr. E. F. Glover

25 Liberty Square

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a reprint of the camp editorial<sup>10</sup> for May. We expect to distribute these from our

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Service<sup>20</sup> Bureau and will be glad to supply you with a<sup>30</sup> number free of charge.

The June issue will announce the<sup>40</sup> Camp Essay Contest for next year. So many camp directors<sup>50</sup> have asked us to repeat the contest that we are<sup>60</sup> beginning publicity early and will furnish you with blanks by<sup>70</sup> the first week in July.

The month of May is <sup>80</sup> a crucial one for camp enrollments. Parents and children make <sup>90</sup> final plans for the summer in camp. The June *Cosmopolis*, <sup>100</sup> containing the contest announcement, is on sale May 10. Do<sup>110</sup> not fail to be represented in this issue. Orders must <sup>120</sup> reach this office by March 30.

Yours truly, (128-1.41)

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Mr. E. W. Fowler

46 Cedar Street

New York, New York

My dear Mr. Fowler:

Will you please have the fire<sup>10</sup> insurance policy which you had issued on the loft which<sup>20</sup> we occupy and the contents therein canceled.

I thought it<sup>30</sup> might be possible to have a rerating made on this<sup>40</sup> building because the manufacturer of lace goods has vacated the<sup>60</sup> second floor, but it is now occupied by a manufacturer<sup>60</sup> of aprons, and I do not think the rate will<sup>70</sup> be any lower.

I hope this action will not cause<sup>80</sup> you any great inconvenience. If there is anything due

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on<sup>90</sup> the policy I shall be glad to send you my<sup>100</sup> check on receipt of your bill.

Yours very truly, (109-1.41)

## 254

Messrs. Henry Priest & Company 25 Stuart Street Boston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

We feel if we were to act on your<sup>10</sup> request to reduce your fashion sheet order to 500<sup>20</sup> a month this would be most detrimental to your interests,<sup>80</sup> and are therefore not reducing your order until you have<sup>40</sup> had the opportunity to consider the matter from our viewpoint.<sup>50</sup>

Your store, we believe, caters exclusively to women. Is there<sup>60</sup> any kind of advertising you can think of which appeals<sup>70</sup> more to the feminine mind than that dealing with the<sup>80</sup> current fashions?

A woman may notice in a newspaper ad. 90 something which would interest her, but nine chances out of 100 ten that newspaper is thrown in with the waste the 110 following day. A store pamphlet in which there is something 120 of especial interest to her may fare somewhat better, but 180 with very few exceptions a fashion sheet is kept in 140 the home for some little time, and it is referred 150 to very often. It is used for more purposes than 160 many merchants realize, not only for selecting patterns, but for 170 reference as to various kinds of trimmings and dress accessories. 180

We notice you sav you believe 500 will be 190

plenty for you for distribution and we are wondering just<sup>200</sup> how you are distributing the sheets at present. If you<sup>210</sup> are simply keeping them in your store to be taken<sup>220</sup> by the customers as they come in, you are losing<sup>230</sup> one of the best opportunities for advertising your store. You<sup>240</sup> should make every fashion sheet you put out a sales<sup>250</sup> producer for you, and you can easily do that if260 you make it a point to send out a part270 of your supply of sheets, either to charge customers or<sup>280</sup> to a selected list of names, every month promptly on<sup>290</sup> their receipt. If you could arrange to send a letter300 with them giving some special values that you are offering310 at the time it would serve two purposes, and you<sup>320</sup> would unquestionably find the result much more profitable than any330 newspaper advertising you could do.

Will you not try this<sup>340</sup> method of distribution for awhile? We feel sure that it<sup>350</sup> will bring a great many women to your store for<sup>360</sup> patterns as well as other goods, and the increase in<sup>370</sup> sales will more than please you.

Very truly yours, (379—1.41)

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Miss Leila Judson 23 Canada Drive Boise, Idaho

Dear Madam:

We are sorry indeed that the toy furniture<sup>10</sup> about which you wrote us was not entirely satisfactory. If<sup>20</sup> you will return it we shall be very glad to<sup>30</sup> give the matter prompt attention, and

endeavor to make the40 exchange requested.

May we ask you to let us know<sup>50</sup> whether the order for doll carriages was a paid or<sup>60</sup> a C. O. D. transaction? If paid, please send us<sup>70</sup> your receipt covering the purchase, and let us know if<sup>80</sup> you still wish this merchandise.

You may be assured that 90 our best efforts will be used to close the matter 100 satisfactorily.

Yours very truly, (104—1.42)

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Mr. John M. Blair

Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

Probably you have the same ambitions that most<sup>10</sup> fathers have. One of your real pleasures in life consists<sup>20</sup> of picturing your youngster graduating from high school and then<sup>30</sup> from college.

Occasionally you are troubled a bit as to<sup>40</sup> where all the money is coming from. You would feel<sup>50</sup> better if there were a little fund piling up somewhere<sup>60</sup> that would be all ready when it is wanted.

This 70 is just exactly what we can help you accomplish under 80 our new plan. Briefly, it consists of a nicely adjusted 90 arrangement of compound interest and savings combined in such a 100 way that there will be a fund for education when 110 the time comes, whether you are alive or not.

We<sup>120</sup> will send you a statement at regular intervals of the<sup>130</sup> amount to set aside and arrange it so that, at<sup>140</sup> whatever age you name, the

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amount needed will be ready.<sup>150</sup> If extended illness or serious accident should prevent you from<sup>160</sup> carrying out your plan, there are certain provisions under which<sup>170</sup> we guarantee to complete the fund for you.

Full particulars<sup>180</sup> can be furnished if you will send us your date<sup>190</sup> of birth on the enclosed card. You will not be<sup>200</sup> obligated to us in the slightest, and perhaps the one<sup>210</sup> who calls you "Dad" may have cause to be grateful<sup>220</sup> because you investigated.

Very truly yours, (226-1.42)

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Mr. George P. Jackson 1018 Walnut Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

At this time of the year when it<sup>10</sup> is necessary to renew automobile licenses there is generally much<sup>20</sup> confusion and sometimes people are put to more or less<sup>30</sup> inconvenience.

With the idea of saving you trouble in the<sup>40</sup> matter, if you will be good enough to fill out<sup>50</sup> the information on the 1927 license blank<sup>60</sup> enclosed, and return to me, I shall be glad to<sup>70</sup> procure your license plates and card for you.

I shall<sup>80</sup> hold the license plates and card here until you call<sup>90</sup> for them or, if you prefer, I will deliver them<sup>100</sup> to you personally.

Please feel free to accept this service<sup>110</sup> because I shall take great pleasure in doing it for<sup>120</sup> you.

Very truly yours, (124—1.42)

Mr. William F. Blake 2514 Harrisburg Avenue Houston, Texas

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request we are sending<sup>10</sup> you herewith abstract of title in connection with Loan No.<sup>20</sup> 458 together with receipt for same, which<sup>30</sup> please sign and return to us.

As we shall have<sup>40</sup> to look to you for the safe return of this<sup>50</sup> abstract, we would suggest that you obtain a deposit sufficient<sup>60</sup> to protect yourself in the matter before turning the abstract<sup>70</sup> over to the party desiring to use it.

If the<sup>80</sup> property is sold, will you please inform us of the<sup>90</sup> name and financial standing of the new owner, and also<sup>100</sup> the sale price. Also please send the usual slip to<sup>110</sup> be attached to the insurance, evidencing the change of ownership.<sup>120</sup>

Kindly return abstract of title as soon as it has 130 served its purpose.

Very truly yours, (136—1.42)

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Mr. William C. Miller 235 Cedar Street Bangor, Maine

Dear Sir:

We're not getting all the tire business in 10 town. We never expect to.

But we're getting our share<sup>20</sup> and our business is growing constantly.

The reason for this 30 is that car owners have

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found our location is convenient,40 our service prompt, efficient, and courteous, our merchandise of the 50 highest quality, and our prices surprisingly low.

As a matter<sup>60</sup> of fact—and we realize it sounds pretty strong—if70 every car owner in town who is not buying from80 us really knew what we had to offer we'd come 90 pretty close to having a monopoly on the tire business<sup>100</sup> here.

We honestly believe this because we're Con already selling scores 110 of the brainiest tire buyers in town—smart people who120 look twice and think three times before they buy anything.130

> If we can satisfy them and keep on doing it,140 we can please you too.

> > Yours very truly, (148-1.42)

### 260

Messrs. R. Barnet & Company

Shipman Building

Montross and Ravenswood Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

We thank you for your order of August 29.10 Before filling this order we thought it best to<sup>20</sup> write you about your account. Do you realize that your<sup>30</sup> previous account for \$175 is now40 overdue nearly four months? It may have been overlooked, although<sup>50</sup> your attention has been called to it several times.

We60 are pleased to grant our customers reasonable accommodations, but when 70 we allow them to keep ordering more goods without settling80 for their old obligations we feel that we are

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doing90 ourselves and our customers injustice.

Please understand that we appreciate<sup>100</sup> your business very much, and that we try to merit<sup>110</sup> it by the quality of the goods we sell and<sup>120</sup> the service we render. We hope, therefore, that you will<sup>130</sup> send us your check for this old amount by return<sup>140</sup> mail. Upon its receipt we shall give your new order<sup>150</sup> prompt attention.

We hope you will look at this matter<sup>160</sup> in the same light as we do and that you<sup>170</sup> will give us

your sincere cooperation.

Yours very truly, (179-1.42)

#### 261

Mr. Warren Houston Regina Hotel

Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Houston:

You can well believe how pleased I<sup>10</sup> was the other day when the manager of my department<sup>20</sup> complimented me on my record for 1926.<sup>30</sup> The credit, though, is not mine, for without the assistance<sup>40</sup> which you and my other clients have given me I<sup>50</sup> should never have been able to make such a good<sup>60</sup> showing.

Our November sales were 22.8 per<sup>70</sup> cent ahead of 1925, the best previous<sup>80</sup> year; December is starting off at a rapid pace, and<sup>90</sup> now I am thinking of 1927, and<sup>100</sup> planning, with your help, to accomplish even more next year.<sup>110</sup> I want to increase my usefulness to my clients, and<sup>120</sup> to continue to help them plan their investments wisely and<sup>130</sup> safely.

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come to<sup>140</sup> me through the recommendation of my clients. I shall greatly<sup>150</sup> appreciate your giving me, on the enclosed card, the names<sup>160</sup> of two or three of your relatives or friends to<sup>170</sup> whom I may present our splendid list of January offerings.<sup>180</sup>

By giving me also an idea of your own January<sup>190</sup> plans, you will enable me to give you advance information<sup>200</sup> of the issues we shall have available—as strong and<sup>210</sup> attractive a selection of bonds as we have ever offered.<sup>220</sup>

A stamped return envelope is enclosed for your reply, and<sup>230</sup> I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely<sup>240</sup> yours, (241—1.42)

# 262

Mr. Melvin F. Whitlock 124 Silver Street

Springfield, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

We trust that we shall this year again<sup>10</sup> have the privilege of caring for the baggage of your<sup>20</sup> campers. We would suggest that, as soon as you determine<sup>30</sup> on what date you desire the baggage called for, you<sup>40</sup> inform us, so that we may make reservations of service.<sup>50</sup>

To enable us to comply with the railroad's regulations, the<sup>60</sup> list of names and addresses at which calls are to<sup>70</sup> be made must also show the number of passengers from<sup>80</sup> each address and must follow immediately after the name. If<sup>90</sup> the passenger is between five and twelve years of age,<sup>100</sup> notation should read "½". If over

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twelve years "1,"110 "2," etc., as may be the case.

The passengers should<sup>120</sup> be instructed in your notices that, in order to insure<sup>130</sup> that the baggage reaches camp at the desired time, it<sup>140</sup> must be ready for delivery to our driver on the<sup>150</sup> day on which you instruct us to make the call.<sup>160</sup> This is for the mutual advantage of all concerned.

Baggage<sup>170</sup> checks are now ready and we shall be glad to<sup>180</sup> make delivery of them to you upon receipt of your<sup>190</sup> campers' list. We request that this be in our hands<sup>200</sup> as early as possible and at least several days before<sup>210</sup> the baggage moves, to enable us to have the calls<sup>220</sup> properly routed for attention.

Transportation should be submitted to us<sup>230</sup> after it is purchased to enable us to secure the<sup>240</sup> record necessary for us to comply with rules of the<sup>250</sup> railroad company's baggage departments.

We assure you of our desire<sup>260</sup> to cooperate with you to the end that the baggage<sup>270</sup> of your campers may reach destination promptly and at the<sup>280</sup> time you desire.

Yours very truly, (286—1.42)

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Mr. John L. Rogers 225 Springfield Avenue Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

I have your bill dated July 14, requesting<sup>10</sup> that we refund to you \$3.50 to<sup>20</sup> cover payment of unused staterooms, New York to Albany, Nos.<sup>30</sup> 240 and 250.

Before we can40 make this refund it will be

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3. 2000 C necessary that you forward<sup>50</sup> to this office these unused stateroom tickets.

Yours very truly,60 (60—1.43)

### 264

Mr. Dan H. Russell 213 East Sixteenth Street Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Will you please send us a copy of 10 your financial statement so that the record of your credit 20 condition in our files may be completed and brought up 30 to date.

The form on the back of this letter<sup>40</sup> is provided for the purpose. Please fill out this form<sup>50</sup> in full and mail it to us in the enclosed<sup>60</sup> envelope.

Your statement will be held as strictly confidential and<sup>70</sup> will not be published or circulated in any way.

Your<sup>80</sup> reply, by return mail, will be appreciated as there are<sup>90</sup> members requesting recommendations on orders placed.

Yours very truly, (99-1.43)

### 265

Messrs. H. H. Barton & Sons 2154 Lawrence Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

We wish that we could accept the merchandise which<sup>10</sup> you would like to close out of your stock, as<sup>20</sup> suggested in your letter of October 12. If we knew<sup>30</sup> of outlets for these goods we would

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be glad to<sup>40</sup> dispose of them for you. Even though they are but<sup>50</sup> slightly shopworn, you will appreciate the fact that they cannot<sup>60</sup> be sold for new goods, and consequently they would be<sup>70</sup> valueless for our distribution.

Please remember that we always try<sup>80</sup> to cooperate with our dealers. In this particular case we<sup>90</sup> believe that you will understand our position.

Very truly yours, 100 (100—1.43)

### 266

Mr. Willis D. Sells 1216 Franklin Avenue Houston, Texas

Dear Sir:

We are mailing you a booklet which contains, 10 with other matter of interest to you as a stockholder 20 in this company, a picture of our new warehouse in 30 which we are already storing the few vans we have 40 in Austin, and where we expect to begin general business 50 about April 1.

The building promises to be admirably adapted<sup>60</sup> to our needs. We hope that our stockholders will visit<sup>70</sup> it and see for themselves their property.

A settlement with<sup>80</sup> contractors has not yet been reached, but we know that<sup>90</sup> the cost of land and warehouse will not be less<sup>100</sup> than \$130,000. All payments are being<sup>110</sup> arranged for and the company will begin its storage business<sup>120</sup> with no indebtedness other than the mortgage loans of \$50,000.<sup>130</sup>

The directors take this opportunity to thank the 140 stockholders for their support of the com-

pany, and to ask150 their help in securing business for the new warehouse.

Yours<sup>160</sup> truly, (161—1.43)

#### 267

Messrs. George I. Hunt & Company 26 North Main Street. Fall River, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

We read with considerable interest of your acquisition of 10 the Keen Style Shop's business and your plans to increase<sup>20</sup> the size of your pres-Me are pleased to30 learn this evidence of the expansion of your business,
and join in wishing you still further success.

In so far<sup>50</sup> as your pattern department is concerned, you know we are 60 eager to work with you to maintain the high standard 70 of service which has enabled your business to grow to80 its present proportions, so please do not hesitate to call<sup>90</sup> on us when we can be of assistance.

Yours very<sup>100</sup> truly, (101—1.43)

# 268

Mrs. Ruth E. Danielson 720 Riverside Drive New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Danielson:

Pardon the seeming persistence, but this third10 letter would probably never go into the mails were it20 not for the fact that we value your patronage; that30 we are eager to have you with us again, satisfied.40

We have carefully searched our records to discover whether some<sup>50</sup> inconvenience reported by you had not been attended to; but<sup>60</sup> we find nothing, no mention of any kind. And this<sup>70</sup> makes us wonder why you have not made a purchase<sup>80</sup> here for the past several months. We feel that we<sup>90</sup> can please you with large, varied stocks, with intelligent service,<sup>100</sup> with experience in markets here and abroad, with prices which<sup>110</sup> are moderated to a fair level because of the enormous<sup>120</sup> buying power of seven great stores!

If we have given<sup>130</sup> you reason for withdrawing your patronage, we would deem it<sup>140</sup> a favor to have you tell us so on the<sup>150</sup> enclosed card. We

will make amends.

On the other hand,<sup>160</sup> if you have had no need recently of what we<sup>170</sup> have to offer, will you let us have your assurance.<sup>180</sup> It will be appreciated!

Sincerely yours, (186—1.43)

# 269

Messrs. Mitchell & Sullivan 305 South Fourth Street Minneapolis, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

You can have as large a line of credit<sup>10</sup> as your financial statement warrants. This puts you in position<sup>20</sup> to secure orders and sell without concerning yourself as to<sup>30</sup> where the cash will come from to cover your peak<sup>40</sup> business in the fall and winter.

The elasticity of our<sup>50</sup> service gives you capital in any amount, as often and<sup>60</sup> for as long a period as required.

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Use our money<sup>70</sup> to discount your own bills—our charges are considerably less<sup>80</sup> than the discounts you are able to obtain. You can<sup>90</sup> purchase to far greater advantage, and you will become a<sup>100</sup> preferred customer of those from whom you purchase merchandise.

Our<sup>110</sup> cash is available the day you ship the

goods.

Let<sup>120</sup> our man have thirty minutes of your time so that<sup>130</sup> he may show you how to finance your business in<sup>140</sup> exact proportion to your shipments.

The enclosed card is for<sup>150</sup> your convenience it brings full details—no obligation. Learn what<sup>160</sup> we have to offer.

Very truly yours, (167—1.43)

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Mr. Spencer Walker 210 East Boyd Street Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Will you please send us a copy of 10 your financial statement so that the record of your credit 20 condition in our files may be completed and brought up 30 to date.

Some of the information received at this center<sup>40</sup> indicates that you have been slow in your payments. We<sup>50</sup> beg to assure you that we are anxious to cooperate<sup>60</sup> with you in preserving the best possible credit relationship between<sup>70</sup> you and the houses from which you make your purchases.<sup>80</sup>

Your statement will be held as strictly con-

fidential and will<sup>90</sup> not be published or circulated in any way.

We hope<sup>100</sup> that you will, therefore, give us this information promptly and<sup>110</sup> freely.

The form on the back of this letter is 120 provided for the purpose.

Yours truly, (126—1.44)

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Mr. R. H. Whitehead
29 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Your letter asking us to make immediate shipment<sup>10</sup> of your order has been received.

We have instructed our<sup>20</sup> warehouse to ship the goods at once. They should arrive<sup>30</sup> promptly. Yours very truly, (34—1.44)

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Mr. Oscar R. Houston 105 Globe Street St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

From your letter requesting that we send you<sup>10</sup> the original bill of lading covering our shipment of December<sup>20</sup> 6 we assume you wish to enter a claim against<sup>30</sup> the transportation company for some shortage or damage. As we<sup>40</sup> have a special department for handling claims against the railroads,<sup>50</sup> we shall be glad to turn your claim over to<sup>60</sup> that department if you so desire.

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If you will send<sup>70</sup> us the original freight bill with a notation of the<sup>80</sup> shortage or damage, signed by the railroad agent, and also<sup>90</sup> inform us of the number of packages and brands involved,<sup>100</sup> we shall be pleased to enter the claim for you<sup>110</sup> and credit your account.

We are taking the liberty of <sup>120</sup> offering our services in this way as most of our <sup>130</sup> customers prefer to have us present their claims. If, however, <sup>140</sup> you wish to attend to the matter yourself, we shall <sup>150</sup> be pleased to furnish the bill of lading on hearing <sup>160</sup> further from you.

Yours very truly, (166-1.44)

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Mr. Albert Moss

Tyler Hill

Wayne County, Pennsylvania My dear Mr. Moss:

A copy of our general price<sup>10</sup> list is being mailed to you under separate cover. In<sup>20</sup> this list you will find quoted the largest assortment and<sup>30</sup> widest variety of groceries offered by any concern in America.<sup>40</sup> The values are the best that are to be had.<sup>50</sup>

We have every facility for serving you promptly and satisfactorily.<sup>60</sup> We hope to have the benefit of your consideration and<sup>70</sup> to be favored with the order for your camp.

May<sup>80</sup> I not repeat the invitation to come to our place<sup>90</sup> and look our plant over? We shall be very glad<sup>100</sup> to send for you at any time that will fit<sup>110</sup> in with your convenience.

It was a pleasure to meet 120 you, Mr. Moss.

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I hope that we may become better<sup>130</sup> acquainted. Very truly yours, (134—1.44)

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Mr. Raymond H. Carter 235 Green Street Syracuse, New York

Dear Mr. Carter:

Thank you for your letter of August<sup>10</sup> 8 in answer to our suggestion for continuing the operation<sup>20</sup> of your department. We are very much disappointed that you<sup>30</sup> still feel as you do about canceling the agreement, for,<sup>40</sup> apart from the dollars and cents involved in our transaction,<sup>50</sup> up to the present such a spirit of friendliness has<sup>60</sup> been maintained that it will cause us real regret to<sup>70</sup> draw our relations to a close.

No doubt other representation<sup>80</sup> can be obtained, but that is beside the point in<sup>90</sup> this instance. We were extremely anxious to remain actively associated<sup>100</sup> with you, and if it had been at all possible<sup>110</sup> to make the change in rates which would insure that<sup>120</sup> continuance we would have made it without any hesitation, but<sup>1,30</sup> unfortunately, it could not be done.

You have definitely decided<sup>140</sup> to discontinue, Mr. Carter? If you have, then we want<sup>150</sup> to thank you now for the business you have given<sup>160</sup> us, and to wish you success in the future. It<sup>170</sup> has been a pleasure to do business with you. We<sup>180</sup> would be glad indeed to resume relations should you ever<sup>190</sup> think of placing our product on sale again.

Very sincerely,<sup>200</sup> (200—1.44)

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Mrs. M. E. Quigley

65 Erie Street

Erie, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

Thank you for your letter of September 14.<sup>10</sup> Our business is, of course, strictly wholesale and confined to<sup>20</sup> the supplying of dealers. We assume that you are not<sup>30</sup> a dealer.

We should be very glad to put you<sup>40</sup> in touch with a dealer if you will tell us<sup>50</sup> where you do your buying.

We appreciate your consideration, although

we cannot serve you directly.

Very truly yours, (68-1.44)

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Mr. H. M. Fisk

322 Carpenter's Building Houston, Texas

Dear Sir:

The employer's renewal statement for the renewal of 10 this bond has not yet been received by us. You 20 will recall an earlier letter from us requesting your special 30 attention to the matter.

The statement is not long, and<sup>40</sup> calls for nothing that was not understood and agreed to<sup>50</sup> when the bond was issued. We should suppose, therefore, that<sup>60</sup> it would not be difficult to obtain the statement. If,<sup>70</sup> however, that is not so, and if you cannot get<sup>80</sup> the statement, please return the renewal for cancellation.

Yours truly,90 (90-1.45)

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The H. K. McCann Company 124 Florence Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

This is to acknowledge your notation on our letter<sup>10</sup> of December 22.

We are unable to locate any<sup>20</sup> unpaid charges on your account and regret that an invoice<sup>30</sup> should have been forwarded to you after payment had been<sup>40</sup> made.

We thank you for calling the matter to our<sup>50</sup> attention.

Very truly yours, (54—1.45)

#### 278

Mr. L. C. Eckman
335 Crown Street
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Sir:

The newest patterns in fashionable men's suits, designs<sup>10</sup> now being worn by the smartly dressed Londoner, have just<sup>20</sup> come in.

We are desirous of acquainting you with our<sup>30</sup> new Men's Shop, which, incidentally, is the largest and finest<sup>40</sup> men's clothing department in Brooklyn, and we take this means<sup>50</sup> of introducing our \$29.50 suits, all<sup>60</sup> with two pairs of trousers—values which we believe are<sup>70</sup> the best to be found in Brooklyn.

There are plenty<sup>80</sup> of blues in the ever-smart serge, and in cheviots,<sup>90</sup> cassimeres, and finished and unfinished worsteds—and an abundance of<sup>100</sup>

new mixtures. Sizes are here for every type.

Come in110 and look them over-choose at your leisure—we know 120 you will be lastingly pleased with any suit you may 130 select, besides having the satisfaction of saving several dollars. Very<sup>140</sup> truly yours, (142—1.45)

## 279

Mr. William L. Bank Wisner Building Rochester, New York

Dear Sir:

As your report of April 14 about the 10 3A camera will be investigated immediately, you will hear<sup>20</sup> from us further in a few days. In the meantime<sup>30</sup> we can only say that we aim to give our<sup>40</sup> customers prompt and courteous attention. If we have failed in50 your case we sincerely regret it.

Yours very truly, (59—1.45)

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Messrs. Squires & Company 725 Martin Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

Please remove and send us page 73 from<sup>10</sup> your unsold spring fashion books, accompanying them with an invoice20 showing the number of pages being returned. On receipt of 30 this matter full credit will be entered on your account.40

The books you may then distribute as free

advertising matter<sup>50</sup> by getting them into the hands of those women to<sup>60</sup> whom you are unable to sell the current fashion book,<sup>70</sup>

We feel sure each woman receiving a free fashion book<sup>80</sup> will be impressed with the beautiful styles illustrated, and subsequently<sup>90</sup> will return to purchase the current number.

Another good plan<sup>100</sup> would be to put a small announcement in your store<sup>110</sup> windows that you will give a free fashion book, as<sup>120</sup> long as they last, to every woman visiting the pattern<sup>130</sup> department. In this way you could attract many women who<sup>140</sup> at present do not patronize your store.

Please be sure<sup>150</sup> to distribute these unsold books in such a way that<sup>160</sup> they will bring the best results for the department.

Yours<sup>170</sup> very truly, (172—1.45)

## 281

Mr. Hugh J. Boyd 486 Linden Avenue Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

We think that you will be interested to 10 learn that it is now more than two years since 20 your last eye examination.

If the glasses we made for<sup>30</sup> you at that time are still giving satisfaction you are<sup>40</sup> indeed fortunate, as most people require a change of glasses<sup>50</sup> every two years.

The noticeable increase in the number of 60 young folks wearing glasses, due largely to the strict supervision 70 by the school authorities over

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the eyes of the children<sup>80</sup> under their care, demonstrates the great importance now being attached<sup>90</sup> to the proper care of the eyes.

It is a<sup>100</sup> well-known fact that defective vision is not only a<sup>110</sup> great handicap in the ordinary pursuits of life, but that<sup>120</sup> eyestrain is often the direct cause of many physical ailments,<sup>130</sup> such as headaches, dizziness, nervousness, stomach trouble, and sleepiness.

We<sup>140</sup> would strongly urge that you call and have your eyes<sup>150</sup> examined. We have all the details of your last examination<sup>160</sup> to guide us in ascertaining what changes, if any, are<sup>170</sup> required.

Should you prove an exception to the rule and 180 not require a change of prescription, there will be no 190 charge for our services.

Very truly yours, (197-1.45)

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Messrs. Porter & Coleman 125 Emporia Avenue Jacksonville, Florida

Gentlemen:

Foss and Company have just issued a booklet, which, <sup>10</sup> in reality, is a sales manual for retail clerks, dealing <sup>20</sup> with the subject of "How to Sell Shoes," written by <sup>30</sup> Mr. Clark, a member of our staff.

We are taking<sup>40</sup> the liberty of forwarding one of these books to you,<sup>50</sup> with the hope that you will take just a few<sup>60</sup> moments of your already busy day to scan the pages<sup>70</sup> of this book and to note how it treats everyday<sup>80</sup> problems and how specifically these problems are handled.

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The book<sup>90</sup> is published naturally in the interest of selling our products,<sup>100</sup> but the book also is written in a very broad<sup>110</sup>-gauged way. We mean by that: The principles which apply<sup>120</sup> to selling our products also apply to every other commodity<sup>130</sup> sold in a retail store. The reading of this book<sup>140</sup> by a sales clerk insures a liberal selling education.

Too<sup>150</sup> often merchandise of merit is taken into a retail store, <sup>160</sup> placed in the department, and put on sale in a<sup>170</sup> very perfunctory manner without any attention being given to the <sup>180</sup> matter of the proper instruction to the salespeople on how<sup>190</sup> to sell it.

These books are issued to sales clerks<sup>200</sup> everywhere who will ask for them. Our keen desire is<sup>210</sup> that those who receive the books will be more valuable<sup>220</sup> to themselves and their employers and to society as a<sup>230</sup> whole because of having read them.

Yours very truly, (239—1.45)

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Mr. W. M. Western

225 Myrtle Avenue El Paso, Texas

Dear Sir:

We thank you for the order for black<sup>10</sup> oxfords given to our representative.

These oxfords are being made<sup>20</sup> especially for you, and from the present outlook we shall<sup>30</sup> be able to make shipment in about one week.

We<sup>40</sup> assure you the order will have every attention so as<sup>50</sup> to be sent as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,60 (60-1.45)

Messrs. Joyce & Mattice 784 Courtland Place Memphis, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for your letter of August<sup>10</sup> 6, acknowledging receipt of my telegram.

From every direction we<sup>20</sup> are receiving evidence of renewed confidence in the betterment of business conditions. That great market, the farmers, which has been to be stagnant for several years, is undoubtedly going to be very active during this year and next. The political horizon looks clear because, no matter which way the election goes, there will be a man at the head of the Government definitely interested in preserving good business conditions.

This being the 90 case, business should be very much on the mend by 100 the middle of September and the first of October. Don't 110 you believe that that is definitely the time to be 120 on hand to tell your sales message? As I thought 130 you would agree with me, I wired asking you to 140 authorize me to reserve space for you in the October 150 issue of our periodical.

I am afraid that your decision 160 by the 15th is going to be too late, as 170 you know that the

closing date is August 11.

If 180 I knew definitely on that date that you were going 190 to use space, I could allow you four, five, or 200 six days' time to get your copy into Detroit, but 210 I do not believe that the people in Detroit will 220 want to wait until August 15 to know whether you 230 are going to use space and

then wait five more<sup>240</sup> days for copy, because this would hold up the entire<sup>250</sup> production and makeup of the book.

Won't you, therefore,<sup>260</sup> give this your immediate consideration so that you can wire<sup>270</sup> me at our expense on Monday, the 11th, whether or<sup>280</sup> not you will use space?

Yours very truly, (288-1.45)

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Mr. George W. Marshall 35 Whitney Place Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir:

Year after year Maynards of ten, twelve, and over fifteen years ago are rendering their present owners a fight nate of service, either as taxis or, in a fight namber of cases, as personal cars. Day in and day out Maynard Sixes and Maynard Eights are affording their owners the very best form of motor transportation available, and they will continue to do so for ten or more years to come. Nor are these statements mere propaganda, for the proof is on our records and in the files of the motor car registration sheets.

It is natural that<sup>100</sup> one should seek a reason for this highgrade of <sup>110</sup> endurance of the Maynard and its low degree of depreciation. <sup>120</sup> The reasons are two—the high quality of materials and <sup>130</sup> workmanship which go and have always gone into each Maynard; <sup>140</sup> and, second, the quality, extent, and economy of our service. <sup>150</sup>

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through our 160 letters to you and our reputation. In the following pages¹⁷⁰ you will read some interesting facts about the second. Will¹⁸⁰ you not turn now and see what is said concerning190 one of the great securities you buy with a Maynard?200

Very truly yours, (203—1.45)

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Mr. Charles E. Kennedy 409 Phoenix Building Tacoma, Washington

Dear Sir:

As another evidence of our personal, friendly, neighborhood¹⁰ service, we enclose a license application blank which you will20 no doubt wish to use within the next few weeks30 to obtain your next year's automobile license.

When you have⁴⁰ filled this in take it to the branch nearest you⁵⁰ as shown on the letterhead, ask for the manager, and60 he will see that it is notarized for you without 70 charge.

Cordially yours, (73-1.46)

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Mr. Clarence D. Newell 322 West Main Street Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

We are at a loss to account for 10 your inattention to the numerous letters sent you on the20 subject of your indebtedness.

As the balance of \$1030 has been pending since

June, 1926, and⁴⁰ cannot be permitted to remain in its present status indefinitely,⁵⁰ we must request that a check be sent within ten⁶⁰ days to cover the amount.

We hope the matter will⁷⁰ receive the attention it deserves so that further correspondence will⁸⁰ not be necessary.

Yours very truly, (86-1.46)

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Mr. Erwin A. Hamlin
115 West Commerce Street

Bridgeton, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

We should like to call your special attention¹⁰ to the enclosed statement of your overdue account, totaling²⁰ \$345.95.

The two charges³⁹ of March 11 matured on the 11th of May, and⁴⁰ are now considerably more than one month past due.

We^{§0} anticipate you will be good enough to cooperate with us⁶⁰ by sending remittance for the full amount promptly, and shall⁷⁰ expect it by return post without fail.

Very truly yours, 80 (80—1.46)

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Messrs. E. V. Young & Company 235 Market Street

Newark, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

Permit me to apologize to you for having returned¹⁰ a check of Miss Florence Bardsley,

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139 Clinton²⁰ Avenue. This came about through an error which Miss Bardsley³⁰ made in entering her deposits. However, since she has never⁴⁰ overdrawn her account in all the years she has been⁵⁰ with us, we were negligent in not getting in touch⁶⁰ with her before returning the check.

I hope you will⁷⁰ not permit this unfortunate incident to reflect upon Miss Bardsley's⁸⁰ credit, for our acquaintance with her assures us that she⁹⁰ is not in the habit of drawing checks unless she¹⁰⁰ has funds on deposit to meet them.

Yours very truly, 110 (110—1.46)

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Mr. Richard Young 790 Rose Terrace Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Young:

Your name has been given us as 10 one who will be interested in renting one of our 20 safe deposit boxes.

The number of reservations that we are³⁰ now making indicates that there is apt to be a⁴⁰ shortage of boxes on account of the demand which will⁵⁰ come with the opening of the London Guarantee and Accident⁶⁰ Building, the new Wrigley Building, and others in this vicinity.⁷⁰ Therefore we shall appreciate your advising us as early as⁸⁰ possible.

We wish to call your attention to the enclosed 90 card and trust you will avail yourself of this offer. 100 We shall be pleased to have you stop in and 110 make your selection when it is convenient.

Very truly yours, 120 (120-1.46)

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Mr. William A. Wilson 110 Park Street

Athol, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

If you can recommend the risk of the assured, kindly write this policy promptly and forward it to 20 this office. The premium may be charged to us in 30 your next account, less brokerage, and we will look after 40 collection at this office.

If the enclosed forms do not⁵⁰ comply with Board Rules, kindly amend, so that after delivery⁶⁰ of policy we will not be called upon to secure⁷⁰ return of the document for correction.

If there are any⁸⁰ other desirable risks in your territory controlled by outside brokers⁹⁰ or agents and you will file with us a memorandum¹⁰⁰ thereof, we shall do what we can to assist you¹¹⁰ in procuring lines.

Yours very truly, (116-1.46)

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Mr. William Mann 25 Runyan Street Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

It is my understanding that you expect to ¹⁰ make a trip to Washington next month and in this ²⁰ connection I wish to direct your attention to our personally ³⁰ conducted three-day tour to Washington, leaving New York, Saturday, ⁴⁰ September 1, all details of which are given in the ⁵⁰ enclosed pamphlet.

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Our tours are first class in every respect.⁶⁰ If you decide to take advantage of our tour of⁷⁰ September 1 and will so inform us, stating your preference⁸⁰ as to hotel, I shall be pleased to make the⁹⁰ necessary arrangements for your trip.

I hope that you will¹⁰⁰ be numbered among those on our tour of September 1¹¹⁰ and that you will not hesitate to call upon us¹²⁰ for any further information desired.

Yours very truly, (128-1.46)

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Mr. John M. Carlton 116 Vine Street

Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

As you will see from the enclosed card, ¹⁰ we are reserving for you a high-grade desk memorandum²⁰ pad in bronze-brocade leather and with a renewable filler. ³⁰ It will be forwarded immediately upon receipt of the card ⁴⁰ completed.

Frankly, we are taking this means of bringing to⁵⁰ your attention a plan which will create immediately a material⁶⁰ addition to your estate. It solves a problem which confronts⁷⁰ most of us at some period of our lives.

There 80 are some very unique features in it of special interest 90 to those who desire to provide for dependents and at 100 the same time enjoy financial security against advancing years.

We¹¹⁰ can supply you with the particulars as they apply to¹²⁰ you personally if you will return the card with your¹³⁰ date of birth.

Very truly yours, (136—1.46)

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Mr. Walter M. Goldwyn 775 North Jackson Street Danville, Illinois

Dear Sir:

We note that the three topcoats that we¹⁰ shipped you on October 4 were refused at the point²⁰ of destination. We should appreciate very much if you would³⁰ accept the package and return those coats that you cannot⁴⁰ use, for, as you probably know, the express company disclaims⁵⁰ all responsibility on shipments that are refused.

We wonder whether⁶⁰ you would not be willing to cooperate with us by⁷⁰ taking in those few coats, as we have already canceled⁸⁰ the lots that were still due on back order and⁹⁰ this will mean a loss to us. Our season on¹⁰⁰ light-weight topcoats is now practically over and we are¹¹⁰ working on heavy-weight goods exclusively, whereas your topcoat selling¹²⁰ season will not end for some time.

Any cooperation you¹³⁰ can extend to us in this instance will be very¹⁴⁰ much appreciated.

Very truly yours, (145—1.46)

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Mr. Paul W. Warner 442 Jackson Avenue Astoria, Long Island

Dear Sir:

In keeping with the established policy of this 10 firm to take care of our customers in spite of 20

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adverse conditions, we have gone to a great deal of³⁰ trouble and expense to secure quantities of the best grades40 of foreign anthracite coal in domestic sizes. We now have⁵⁰ on hand an ample supply of this coal and expect60 further shipments as we require them.

Our organization is now70 ready to take care of our trade throughout the winter80 and to deliver to you the best anthracite coal obtainable 90 in the sizes which you have been accustomed to using,100 and you do not have to take any substitutes from 110 this company, if you do not so desire.

Do not¹²⁰ hesitate to call upon us. We assure you that your 130 orders will be gratefully received and promptly delivered. Either fill140 in and return the enclosed order blank to us or150 telephone your order direct to our office.

Very truly yours, 160 (160—1.46)

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Mr. J. Gordon Anderson 512 River Street El Paso, Texas Dear Sir:

I send to you under another cover a10 comprehensive Rate Manual covering fidelity and surety bonds. You will²⁰ find that the rates are contained in loose leaves bound³⁰ together by means of fasteners, and thus removable at will.40 Occasionally I shall send you pages containing rates for bonds⁵⁰ not listed before, and also pages containing new rates for60 bonds already listed. These latter pages will take the place 70 of the

pages in the book as received by you.⁸⁰ On receipt of any new pages you will bind them⁹⁰ where the present pages are now and destroy the latter.¹⁰⁰

The Manual rates you will quote in all cases. You¹¹⁰ need not submit any bond proposition to us at all,¹²⁰ so far as the rate is concerned, but may quote¹³⁰ the Manual rate at once, with the understanding, of course,¹⁴⁰ that the risk will be assumed by us at the¹⁵⁰ Manual rate only if the papers prove satisfactory.

Yours truly,160 (160-1.46)

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Mr. Everett F. Place 304 Johnson Building Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

We are pleased to have you apply for 10 the Guardian Health Service offered to new policyholders. Kindly fill 20 in the enclosed blank, mail it in the attached envelope, 30 and nothing else need be done by you.

You will⁴⁰ receive an individual letter of practical advice from the most⁵⁰ competent authority, the Life Service Institute. The life insurance medical⁶⁰ examination recently made in connection with your new policy, together⁷⁰ with the blank, will be used as a basis for⁸⁰ advice as to how to be healthy and active.

As⁹⁰ a part of Health Service No. 1, the monthly magazine, "How to Live," will be mailed to you for one¹¹⁰ year.

By taking the Health Service, the standing of your¹²⁰ policy will not be affected in any way.

We extend¹³⁰ this service to you free of charge, for the benefit¹⁴⁰ of our policyholders as a body.

If you consider this¹⁵⁰ service helpful, we shall be glad to have you tell¹⁶⁰ your friends about it. If there is any feature that¹⁷⁰ can be bettered in your opinion, kindly let us know.¹⁸⁰

Yours truly, (182-1.46)

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Mr. A. S. Gibbs

724 Fairfax Street

St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Mr. Gibbs:

Have you had an opportunity to¹0 talk to Mr. Dixon about our magazine? We are now²0 getting along towards the closing of the February issue. I³0 think that you will agree that February, March, April, and⁴0 May are four of the best months of the year⁵0 in which to advertise, and I sincerely hope that your⁶0 plans are maturing sufficiently to permit you to give realⁿ0 serious consideration to using our publication.

The consensus of opinion⁸⁰ everywhere seems to be that we can look forward to⁹⁰ three or four years of unprecedented prosperity. By this I¹⁰⁰ do not mean that there are boom times ahead, but¹¹⁰ just a natural, conservative, normal business which is healthy for¹²⁰ the country as a whole.

Don't you think that now¹³⁰ is a pretty good time to give serious thought to¹⁴⁰ embarking on an advertising program? It won't take business men¹⁵⁰ long to discern the rosy hue in the business skyline,¹⁶⁰ and I know that you will want to be present¹⁷⁰ when they begin looking.

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Won't you let me hear from 180 you at your convenience?

Very truly yours, (187—1.46)

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Mr. William Scheer
High School of Commerce
New York, New York

Dear Friend:

I am anxious to establish contact with the ¹⁰ students who have distinguished themselves particularly in the National Oratorical ²⁰ Contest. You may have heard that the Constitution Club, which ³⁰ originally was restricted to those who reached the National Finals, ⁴⁰ has now been broadened in its scope so that those ⁵⁰ who distinguished themselves in the state contests are now eligible ⁶⁰ for membership.

The plan of organization provides for the enrollment⁷⁰ of former and present participants in the contest, whether they⁸⁰ are now in high school, college, or business. The object⁹⁰ of the club is to promote friendship between the members¹⁰⁰ in different parts of the country and to, so far¹¹⁰ as possible, advance the ideals of the contest. There will¹²⁰ be no dues. Meetings of members in the different cities¹³⁰ will be held only once or twice a year.

Although¹⁴⁰ the organization will be loose knit and informal in character,¹⁵⁰ I believe that it will be one in which, as¹⁶⁰ the years go on, you will find it worth while¹⁷⁰ to be a member. I hope, therefore, that you will¹⁸⁰ fill out and mail to me the blank below, so¹⁹⁰ that I may send you

additional information as to the²⁰⁰ progress of the club.

Sincerely, (205—1.46)

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Mr. Rowland N. Trimble 142 Nassau Street New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Life as it is now organized in our¹⁰ great centers of population could not exist without gas and²⁰ electric service. Their presence and proper functioning are important factors³⁰ in urban growth and development. We have only to look⁴⁰ about us to see how they are woven into the⁵⁰ fabric of our daily lives.

We press a button or open a valve and await the resultant light or heat open a valve and await the resultant light or heat open of with the same assurance that we await the rising of tomorrow's sun, and we are not disappointed. Yet a miracle open is performed as much in the one case as in the other, only the miraculous of trepeated becomes the common place.

If familiarity in this case does not breed contempt it¹²⁰ at least breeds an attitude of indifference, and we venture¹³⁰ the opinion that few of the 5,000,000 people of¹⁴⁰ New York who have at their disposal every minute of¹⁵⁰ the day—every day of the year—our gas and¹⁶⁰ electric service ever give a thought to what it implies¹⁷⁰ or what goes into its making.

We believe that you¹⁸⁰ as a preferred stock-holder are interested, and from time to¹⁹⁰ time, through this medium, we shall try to tell you²⁰⁰

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about this company's enormous investment in land, plants, and equipment²¹⁰—how the money derived from the use of our service²²⁰ is expended, and about the devoted army of loyal, efficient²³⁰ employees who are helping to make this business a success²⁴⁰—in other words, what it means to serve New York.²⁵⁰

Very truly yours, (253—1.46)

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Mr. C. L. Pearce

29 Church Street

Rochester, New York

Dear Sir:

Your health may be good today, but you¹⁰ have no assurance that it will continue so. Sickness not²⁰ only means a loss of time, but extra expense in³⁰ the way of doctors' bills.

At the suggestion of Mr.⁴⁰ George Martin, who is one of the members of this⁵⁰ Association, I wish to call your attention to the Travelers⁶⁰ Health Association and what it would mean to become a⁷⁰ member of it.

In the first place, we pay weekly⁸⁰ benefits for disability due to sickness, paying either for sickness⁹⁰ which confines the member within doors, or which disables the¹⁰⁰ member, even though he is not confined to the house.¹¹⁰

To the foregoing we have added a provision for benefits¹²⁰ for death or for the loss of a limb or¹³⁰ an eye from injuries received in a railroad, street car, ¹⁴⁰ or steamship wreck.

Read the information on the back of 150 the application blank. You will find it interesting.

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Note the¹⁶⁰ two plans—single benefits or double benefits. The leaflet, "Our¹⁷⁰ Plan Explained," will give you just the information you want.¹⁸⁰ It explains our plan in detail. Before making up your¹⁹⁰ mind as to joining our Association, read the booklet from²⁰⁰ cover to cover and then decide for yourself.

The opportunity²¹⁰ to protect yourself is yours for the asking, within your²²⁰ easy reach. Just fill out and mail to us today²³⁰ the enclosed application blank. As an extra inducement for you²⁴⁰ to act promptly, for the membership fee (\$2 or²⁵⁰ \$4) I offer insurance with all cost covered to²⁶⁰ May 1, 1927.

Send me your application²⁷⁰ by return mail. Yours truly, (275—1.46)

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Messrs. Taylor & Hamlin 1235 Cleveland Street St. Paul, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

We have not the slightest doubt other firms can¹⁰ offer you better terms than we, but a better pattern²⁰ they cannot offer. *Pictorial Dress* is the acknowledged leader in³⁰ its field, and it is the salability you should consider,⁴⁰ not the terms offered by a pattern manufacturer. Your women⁵⁰ customers do not care at all what proposition you are⁶⁰ operating under, but they do care, and care a great⁷⁰ deal, what pattern you have to offer them. This fact⁸⁰ should receive your careful thought.

We make no attempt to 90 compete with other

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pattern companies in so far as terms¹⁰⁰ are concerned, but we do offer you an honest proposition¹¹⁰ with the sale of the most popular pattern in the¹²⁰ country at a fair rate of discount. It is far¹³⁰ more to your advantage to stock a pattern in which¹⁴⁰ you are tolerably certain of a good volume of sales,¹⁵⁰ at a moderate discount, rather than a pattern on which¹⁶⁰ you receive a great discount and experience but little business.¹⁷⁰

The number of sales counts, since every pattern sale means¹⁸⁰ the opportunity to bring about further sales of dress goods,¹⁹⁰ and whatever materials are required for the making up of²⁰⁰ the garments. As a matter of fact, that is the²¹⁰ main purpose of a pattern department from the dry goods²²⁰ merchant's standpoint. No other pattern will give you the volume²³⁰ of sales obtainable with *Pictorial Dress*, so we feel sure²⁴⁰ you will decide to continue when you have thought the²⁵⁰ matter over at greater length.

Very truly yours, (258-1.46)

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Mr. Gardner Osborn 25 Weybosset Street Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Sir:

In thanking you for your inquiry of February¹⁰ 15, we take pleasure in sending you illustrations with this²⁰ letter.

The illustrations, while by no means comprising a complete³⁰ catalogue of our footwear, are new and representative styles, embodying⁴⁰ those commendable features of fashion, quality,

comfort, and beauty characteristic⁵⁰ of all our shoes.

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The purpose of our mail-order⁵⁰ department is to provide an added service for those of⁷⁰ our patrons who may find it inconvenient to visit our⁸⁰ exhibit shops.

You may select your shoes from these illustrations⁹⁰ with the full assurance of perfect fit and complete satisfaction¹⁰⁰ in the shoes you choose.

Our models include footwear for¹¹⁰ street, formal, and dress occasions. Just fill in the enclosed¹²⁰ order blank and we shall be glad to serve you.¹³⁰

Yours very truly, (133-1.47)

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Mr. F. L. Jennings 1552 Hirsh Street Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

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The water meter records of one of our¹⁰ largest cities indicate that 42 per cent of the²⁰ people in the city change their addresses annually.

Probably no³⁰ more impressive evidence of the need of a periodic revision⁴⁰ of mailing lists could be found. While it is a⁵⁰ common and very human weakness to put off from day⁶⁰ to day the notification of change of address, this neglect⁷⁰ sometimes proves costly. At best, it is an annoyance to⁸⁰ receive mail incorrectly addressed, and one which we wish to⁹⁰ spare our clients whenever possible.

To this end won't you100 let us know if your

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name and address as we¹¹⁰ have them are correct. Just make the proper notation on¹²⁰ the enclosed card and return it to us in the¹³⁰ self-addressed envelope.

Yours very truly, (136-1.47)

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Messrs. William H. Webster & Company 1305 Cleveland Place Denver, Colorado

Gentlemen:

We are pleased to receive your announcement of October¹⁰ 15 to the effect that you are going to give²⁰ agency commission, beginning with your January, 1927,³⁰ issue.

This is a very constructive step for you to⁴⁰ take. We know it will prove to your advantage, and⁵⁰ will be a great help in still further improving the⁶⁰ advertising situation today.

Very truly yours, (66-1.47)

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Mr. Thomas J. Seward 455 Howard Street San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Please read the enclosed advertisement, which I am¹⁰ sending you in advance of publication. It speaks for itself,²⁰ in describing what is perhaps the most sensational clothing event³⁰ we have ever staged.

Would you like to see these⁴⁰ woolens, and make your selection from them at the sale⁵⁰ price

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so, you may.

As an old and valued customer, I70 extend my personal invitation to you to come in and80 inspect this collection at a private preshowing. Come in this 90 week, as soon as you get this letter, or as100 soon after as possible.

The conventions of advertising will not110 permit our describing this sale with the enthusiasm which I120 know is warranted. In this letter, however, I want to130 assure you that never has it been our privilege to140 offer bigger values than now.

Please come in, present the 150 enclosed card, and see for yourself what my associates and 160 I are so genuinely proud to offer.

Very truly yours, 170 (170—1.47)

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Messrs. Gardiner & Company Seventh and Elm Streets Cincinnati, Ohio

Gentlemen:

We attempted to show you in our last letter¹⁰ the importance of an appropriately designed letterhead, and the part20 which it plays in creating the right sort of an30 impression upon all who see it. Of course, the person⁴⁰ to whom your message is addressed is the first to50 receive this impression. You do not know, however, how many60 others whose good opinion you desire may see your letterhead, 70 and may pass judgment on it.

It is our part⁸⁰ to assist you to make the most

of opportunities thus of consistently afforded, and to represent you and your house as you would be represented. Since 1850, we have followed the policy of "Quality First," and have as yet had no reason to question its wisdom.

Lithographed letterheads are ¹³⁰ very popular. The enclosed specimens show some of our work ¹⁴⁰ of this type. We invite you again to sign the ¹⁵⁰ card, and send us one of your letterheads, so that ¹⁶⁰ we may present a suggestion for your consideration.

Very truly¹⁷⁰ yours, (171—1.47)

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Messrs. Waldman Brothers
215 Collingwood Street
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

Attention of Miss Theresa Fenton

In comparing your daily¹⁰ fashion book sales with those of other agencies it seems²⁰ to us that you surely ought to sell many more³⁰ fashion books than at present, especially when we consider your⁴⁰ pattern sales.

Now, the average you ought to maintain is⁵⁰ one fashion book to every dollar's worth of patterns sold.⁶⁰ You can accomplish this by bringing the book to the⁷⁰ attention of every woman visiting the department.

Please remember a⁸⁰ large sale of the fashion book brings you a handsome⁹⁰ bonus check at the end of each season; therefore it¹⁰⁰ is to your interest to sell as many copies as¹¹⁰ possible.

We offer this bonus because we realize every

2. \$ 4 - 1 9 time¹²⁰ you sell a fashion book that book will sell some¹³⁰ patterns and it is, therefore, to your interest as well¹⁴⁰ as ours to get as many of these fashion books¹⁵⁰ into the hands of your customers as possible.

We shall¹⁶⁰ watch your future reports with interest and hope to see¹⁷⁰ a good substantial increase in your sales.

Yours very truly, 180 (180-1.47)

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Mr. Frank L. Morse
601 Ninetieth Street
Richmond Hill, New York

Dear Sir:

Our driver was instructed to call for the linoleum that you wish to return. We are sorry that 20 you have been caused so much annoyance in connection with 30 this transaction. Arrangements will be made to refund the amount 40 of \$10.68.

Although it is our⁵⁰ aim to undersell our competitors 6 per cent at all⁶⁰ times, due to the large number of stores with which⁷⁰ we compete, and the great variety of merchandise, we are⁸⁰ apt to overlook some article, even though our shopping force⁹⁰ is on the alert. In such instances we appreciate the¹⁰⁰ cooperation of our patrons, and we are always glad to¹¹⁰ adjust our price and refund the difference when the matter¹²⁰ is called to our attention.

Our prices are subject to 130 change without notice, which is many times advantageous to our customers because of our sales. This accounts

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for the difference¹⁵⁰ in the price which you mentioned in your letter.

We¹⁶⁰ hope you will give us an opportunity of serving you¹⁷⁰ in the future, so that we may convince you of¹⁸⁰ our sincerity in offering the best values.

Yours very truly, 190 (190-1.47)

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Mr. James Elliott 50 First Avenue Evansville, Indiana

Dear Sir:

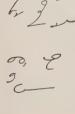
In asking you to subscribe to a new¹⁰ publication we realize that what suits someone else may not²⁰ suit you. This is particularly true of our magazine *Our*³⁰ *Times* because it is so utterly different from anything which⁴⁰ has hitherto been published.

So we have arranged, beginning next⁵⁰ week, to provide a limited number of short-term subscriptions⁶⁰ at \$1. We cordially invite you to avail yourself⁷⁰ of this opportunity to acquaint yourself with the "news-magazine⁸⁰ idea" upon which *Our Times* is founded.

The next twelve⁹⁰ issues will acquaint you with the paper, which a distinguished¹⁰⁰ American called "the greatest journalistic achievement of the century." And¹¹⁰ if this new paper, the news-magazine, can do for¹²⁰ you something which has never been done for you before,¹³⁰ you can let the acquaintanceship ripen into a useful friendship¹⁴⁰ of permanent value.

I am enclosing a stamped postcard. Fill¹⁵⁰

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in the address at which you wish to receive Our¹⁶⁰ Times. Do not send the dollar now, simply mail the¹⁷⁰ card at your earliest convenience. The next twelve issues of 180 Our Times will come to you beginning at once.

Yours 190 truly, (191-1.47)

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Mr. J. C. Peckham Campbell Building Tampa, Florida

My dear Mr. Peckham:

I am very sorry that you¹⁰ find it impossible to use the December issue of our²⁰ magazine because I think that issue is a truly good³⁰ one from a result-producing angle. However, if it is⁴⁰ impossible for you to get your plans so developed that⁵⁰ you can use the publication, we shall have to wait⁶⁰ until the next issue, which will be the January, 1927,⁷⁰ number.

I would like to see you use⁸⁰ our medium continuously, because I think it can be made⁹⁰ to prove most profitable. May I hope to hear from¹⁰⁰ you further about this matter?

Yours very truly, (108-1.48)

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Messrs. Miller & Schaffer 439 Rhodes Avenue Akron, Ohio

Gentlemen:

If you have ever had any desire to use¹⁶ beautiful die-embossed stationerv such as is used

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by so²⁰ many successful business firms, banks, and corporations, write us today.³⁰ Dismiss the idea of prohibitive cost if you have such⁴⁰ an idea, and let us at least show you what⁵⁰ we can do. We will send you samples without any⁶⁰ obligation on your part.

If you will write your inquiry⁷⁰ about the embossed stationery promptly on receipt of this letter,⁸⁰ we shall send you free with our reply two small⁹⁰ packages of our excellent carbon paper for you to try¹⁰⁰ as a complimentary acknowledgment of your courtesy in letting us¹¹⁰ show you what we have.

May we hear from you¹²⁰ by return mail? Very truly yours, (126—1.48)

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Mr. W. C. Alexander
204 East Redwood Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

The descriptive booklet which we are sending you¹⁰ with this letter will give you some idea of the²⁰ character and scope of the Modern Business Course and Service.³⁰ It will lay before you a definite plan for increasing⁴⁰ not only your business income, but also the pleasure you⁵⁰ get out of your work.

Undoubtedly you will want the for further information that only a personal interview can give. Especially, you will want to know just how the Modern Business Course and Service will fit into your future business plans. 90

I am asking our representative, Mr. Russell.

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to get in¹⁰⁰ touch with you and to give you this further information.¹¹⁰ He is a man well qualified to discuss your business¹²⁰ problems with you. We feel sure you will enjoy meeting¹³⁰ him and he will appreciate an opportunity to be of ¹⁴⁰ service.

Yours very truly, (144—1.48)

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Mr. William B. Johnson 30 East Orange Street Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Inasmuch as your car needs painting, may we¹⁰ ask that you drive to our plant and let us²⁰ give you an estimate on your job, and show you³⁰ the class of work we are turning out. Quality with⁴⁰ us is the first consideration. We also aim to give⁵⁰ service by doing the work correctly and as promptly as⁶⁰ possible.

In a few days we give you a most⁷⁰ beautiful lacquer finish at a reasonable price, with all the⁸⁰ small refinements, such as tire and rim painting, revarnishing of⁹⁰ inside trim, vacuum cleaning of upholstery, etc., carried out to¹⁰⁰ the decimal point.

We remove completely all the old paint¹¹⁰ from the body and chassis and build up from the¹²⁰ bare metal and wood a durable and beautiful finish by¹³⁰ the application of successive coats of surfacer and lacquer, a¹⁴⁰ method which is being used by nearly all of the¹⁵⁰ automobile manufacturers, in preference to painting.

Seeing our process and 160 methods in operation is alone interesting enough to warrant a 170

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few minutes of your time. A telephone call will bring¹⁸⁰ our representative to see you and explain our work.

We¹⁹⁰ hope that we may be able to serve you. Yours²⁰⁰ truly, (201—1.48)

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Mr. L. J. Nolan

225 Madison Avenue Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

When I say that a credit man should¹⁰ exercise as much judgment in selecting his collection agency as²⁰ he does in extending credit, I speak from the heart.³⁰ This has been a preachment of mine for years. I⁴⁰ have addressed many credit organizations and bodies of business men⁵⁰ on this subject.

Hence, when I come seeking your business, 60 naturally I ask no favors for my organization. Before you 70 give us your business I want you to study the 80 facts in the case, as carefully as you would those 90 of an account seeking credit.

Inside this letter you will¹⁰⁰ find the outstanding facts of my business history—a partial¹¹⁰ picture of our clients selected to show the diversity of¹²⁰ the business whose collections we handle, our terms, and information¹³⁰ as to our reliability.

If, after careful consideration of these¹⁴⁰ facts, you feel that you would be willing to let¹⁵⁰ us render collection service to you, we shall be glad¹⁶⁰ to offer you special terms for a few initial cases,¹⁷⁰ by way of introduction.

Let me assure you of my180 personal con-

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sideration of your every case, and equal care in 190 handling your small matters as in your larger ones.

May²⁰⁰ we have the pleasure of serving you? Very truly yours,²¹⁰ (210—1.48)

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Messrs. Cornell & Company 415 Harney Street Omaha, Nebraska

Gentlemen:

A short time ago, by request, we mailed you¹⁰ our price list, which we hope has reached you. Have²⁰ you now all the information about our goods that you³⁰ desire, or can we be of further service?

When your⁴⁰ request for a catalogue was received we were in doubt⁵⁰ whether you desired it for the purpose of opening a⁶⁰ direct account with us, or merely for your convenience in⁷⁰ ordering from one of our distributors. Either way, we are⁸⁰ very glad to have your interest in our products.

It⁹⁰ is our belief that, because of our present efforts to¹⁰⁰ create a "fair margin of profit for the retailer," you¹¹⁰ should now be doubly interested in our line. We shall¹²⁰ do everything possible under the existing laws to accomplish this. ¹³⁰

May we call your special attention to the numbers in¹⁴⁰ the catalogue which retail for \$1? While the larger¹⁵⁰ sizes are in constant demand, the four sizes mentioned are¹⁶⁰ especially choice ones to feature.

May we have your initial¹⁷⁰ order?

Yours very truly,

Manager Sales Department, (177—1.48)

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Mr. Louis I. Kane

608 Locust Street

St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Mr. Kane:

May we have the privilege of 10 taking care of the luncheon of your society again this 20 year, as we have done in the past?

We can³⁰ again promise you guaranteed Astorbilt service and cooperation that has⁴⁰ so pleased the members of your organization in previous years.⁵⁰ We feel sure that they have always looked back with⁶⁰ pleasure on their gatherings here. We hope we may have⁷⁰ the opportunity of giving them the same excellent service again.⁸⁰

The facilities of our banquet rooms, ball-rooms, and meeting rooms⁹⁰ are so arranged that we are able to give you¹⁰⁰ the best of attention. We shall be pleased to list¹¹⁰ your reservation at an early date, and you or other¹²⁰ members of your organization are most cordially invited to stop¹³⁰ in and arrange details at any time.

We trust that ¹⁴⁰ we may have the pleasure of hearing from you.

Yours¹⁵⁰ very truly, (152-1.48)

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Mr. Arthur W. Hill

428 South Hill Street

Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

One feature about Business Men that makes

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it¹⁰ very interesting to the advertiser is its exceedingly low rate.²⁰

A black-and-white page in *Business Men* costs only³⁰ \$550 per insertion. Considering its circulation and⁴⁰ its rate, the cost per page per thousand readers amounts⁵⁰ to only \$3.43. Without question, *Business*⁶⁰ *Men* has the lowest rate in its field.

Because of⁷⁰ the low cost of using the magazine and the excellent⁸⁰ clientele it reaches, I feel sure that you will agree⁹⁰ that your use of *Business Men* for your advertising will¹⁰⁰ combine results with economy.

The August issue of the publication¹¹⁰ closes June 10. Don't you want to place your sales¹²⁰ message before the real buyers of the country? If so,¹³⁰ drop me a line reserving space in this issue or¹⁴⁰ ask me to write and tell you more about the¹⁵⁰ publication.

Yours very truly, (154-1.48)

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Mr. S. J. Sherman

220 Linder Street

Scranton, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Sherman:

I learn that you have made no¹⁰ deposits to your thrift account since the initial deposit, and²⁰ feel that I would not be fulfilling my duty to³⁰ you if I did not express my disappointment.

You have⁴⁰ manifested a desire to be different than the great mass⁵⁰ of people who, when they have money in their pocket,⁶⁰ feel the desire to spend it, no matter how or⁷⁰ for what purpose,

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whether for something worth while or worthless,⁸⁰ so long as they spend it.

In this way, they⁹⁰ get nowhere. To be sure, they enjoy the pleasures of¹⁰⁰ today, but at the same time they are depriving themselves¹¹⁰ of the greater pleasures of tomorrow.

You may anticipate a¹²⁰ vacation trip, a home, or one of many sensible luxuries, ¹³⁰ or possibly you might consider it good policy to protect¹⁴⁰ yourself against future sickness or other indispositions, and the only¹⁵⁰ way to be prepared for them is through systematic saving. ¹⁶⁰

Why not try it for awhile, and see how much¹⁷⁰ real satisfaction comes from the realization of your growing accumulation¹⁸⁰ of a snug reserve fund.

Deposit regularly a dollar or¹⁹⁰ two, and you will be amazed to see how it²⁰⁰ increases; then when you want to use your money for²¹⁰ a specific purpose it is here at your command.

I²²⁰ shall be gratified, indeed, if you become one of our²³⁰ regular depositors, and assure you of a very cordial welcome²⁴⁰ every time you make a deposit.

Very cordially yours, (249—1.48)

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Messrs. Harvey D. Ward & Company 824 Canal Street

New Orleans, Louisiana

Gentlemen:

Attention of Mr. H. D. Ward

We regret to¹⁰ note your feeling toward us and our patterns.

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Unfortunately, at²⁰ the time we decided upon the reduction in the price³⁰ of patterns we did so on an erroneous computation of⁴⁰ cost. We omitted certain items from our calculations which, when⁵⁰ considered, convinced us that we could not continue to produce⁶⁰ patterns for sale at a lower price than 45⁷⁰ cents without suffering a substantial loss.

It is only too⁸⁰ true that conditions such as you mention prevail today in⁹⁰ various parts of the country, and added to them is¹⁰⁰ the fact that the present styles enable a woman to¹¹⁰ make a number of garments by the use of a¹²⁰ single pattern. She need only vary the trimmings to complete¹³⁰ a wardrobe.

All these things tend to affect the pattern¹⁴⁰ business adversely at this time, but as this business, like¹⁵⁰ many other things in life, moves in cycles, patterns are¹⁶⁰ bound to have their innings again just as has happened¹⁷⁰ many times in the past.

We have just issued some¹⁸⁰ very attractive posters which are cut out so that your¹⁹⁰ own material may be placed inside to give the effect²⁰⁰ of a dress made of the actual goods. We have²¹⁰ also issued a very unusual poster of refined and attractive²²⁰ style for display in the window. We are sending this²³⁰ poster to you together with instructions showing just how it²⁴⁰ is set up. These are sales helps which we feel²⁵⁰ sure will reflect benefit upon the pattern department of your²⁶⁰ store.

We hope that the results will cause you to²⁷ feel more kindly toward the department.

Very truly yours, (279-1.48)

Messrs. Parsons & Conroy 74 Spruce Street Minneapolis, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

Last week we wrote you regarding information about the 10 cuts used in printing the Courier Bulletins, a sample of 20 which we enclosed with our letter.

Will you please inform³⁰ us as quickly as possible what your records show regarding⁴⁰ these cuts. Our client is inquiring every day for this 50 information, and we do not like to have the matter60 drag.

We thank you for your attention to this request.70

Very truly yours, (73—1.49)

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Mr. Franklin Bowman 2024 Wabash Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

We regret very much to hear of the 10 damage caused by the punctured can of collodion, to which²⁰ you referred in your letter of October 15. We thank³⁰ you, however, for telling us about it. as this experience⁴⁰ will prompt us to use greater care in future shipments.50

On October 27 we sent you by express another60 can of collodion and new cartons to replace those which 70 were damaged.

Very truly yours, (75—1.49)

Mr. Norman Gardner 415 East Bannock Street Boise, Idaho

Dear Sir:

Your attention is called to the fact that, ¹⁰ in revising the schedule bonds, the employer has fixed our²⁰ aggregate liability at an amount which does not warrant continuance³⁰ of the existing rate, which was based upon a larger⁴⁰ volume. Before we prepare the new schedule or bill you⁵⁰ at the increased rate you will doubtless wish to make⁶⁰ certain that the employer has considered this aspect of the⁷⁰ case.

We return the revised list for further amendment, in⁸⁰ case the employer should decide to increase the schedule volume⁹⁰ so that the existing rate may be maintained.

Yours truly, 100 (100-1.49)

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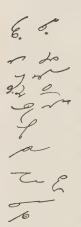
Mr. H. C. Bennett

402 South Walnut Street Muncie, Indiana

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago Mr. J. W. Foley applied to us for a bond, and stated that you were well²⁰ acquainted with him and could inform us concerning him. We³⁰ sent you our customary printed form accordingly, afterward duplicating the⁴⁰ communication.

Since we have received no word from you we⁵⁰ fear that your knowledge of the applicant



is of such⁶⁰ a nature that you cannot recommend him. We hope that⁷⁰ you will favor us with a frank expression of your⁸⁰ opinion. Whatever you may say will be treated in strict⁹⁰ confidence; and your courtesy will be much appreciated.

Yours truly, 100 (100—1.49)

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Messrs. Young & Stahl 1234 West Allan Street Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

As you handle a complete line of office equipment,¹⁰ we are taking the liberty of sending you one of²⁰ our circulars on Avondale chair pads, which describes the four³⁰ different sizes and shapes we manufacture.

For your information, Avondale⁴⁰ chair pads are manufactured of an all-wool brown felt⁵⁰ ½ inch thick, and are equipped with three genuine⁶⁰ leather straps which make them very easy to put on⁷⁰ the chair.

To introduce Avondale chair pads, we offer, for⁸⁰ a limited time only, an assortment consisting of three of⁹⁰ each of the sizes we manufacture, at a special price¹⁰⁰ of \$10.80 per dozen, f. o. b.¹¹⁰ New York, terms 1 per cent, 10 days, 30 days¹²⁰ net.

We have a complete stock of Avondale chair pads¹³⁰ on hand, and are in a position to make immediate¹⁴⁰ delivery of any order with which you may favor us.¹⁵⁰

May we enter your order?

Very truly yours, (158—1.49)

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Mr. George A. Foote 302 Water Street

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

We are engaged upon an audit of the books and accounts of the Select Building and Loan Association, and it appears that, on March 16, a balance of \$4,000 was due to you on account

of40 prepaid stock.

Will you please inform us upon the attached⁵⁰ blank if the amount is correct, as of the date⁶⁰ shown, irrespective of subsequent payments or increases of indebtedness. If⁷⁰ it is not, please send a detailed statement to enable⁸⁰ us to rectify

the error.

The work we are engaged⁹⁰ in is in behalf of the company, and is designed¹⁰⁰ for the verification of the condition of the books only.¹¹⁰

Your compliance with our request will be appreciated.

Very truly¹²⁰ yours, (121—1.49)

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Messrs. Hornell & Company 145 Irving Street

Boston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

We have just received your letter of October 22,¹⁰ with which you enclosed proof of the Central Audit²⁰ Company's advertisement to appear in the December issue of our³⁰ magazine.

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hand page, but we are sorry indeed to have⁵⁰ to inform you that the magazine is already made up⁶⁰ and your client has not been given a right-hand⁷⁰ page.

As we want to cooperate with you in every⁸⁰ way, we will make a notation to give your client⁹⁰ the desired position in the January issue. We would ask,¹⁰⁰ though, that you send us an insertion order as soon¹¹⁰ as possible for this advertising, particularly asking for a right¹²⁰-hand page.

Yours very truly, (125-1.49)

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Mr. Joseph D. Ryan 145 Clinton Avenue Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Some time ago you gave us your name¹⁰ as one interested in becoming a member of the Theater²⁰ League.

We are now ready to allot seats for next³⁰ season. To expedite our work vou may use the enclosed⁴⁰ form in applying for your subscription, indicating just where you⁵⁰ want to sit and what day of the week you⁶⁰ prefer to attend. If the location you have requested is⁷⁰ not available, we will write you exactly what is available⁸⁰ before banking your check.

As our former subscribers have had⁹⁰ until June 1 to make their renewals, and as their¹⁰⁰ options have now expired, first replies to this letter will¹¹⁰ naturally receive the choicest of the unrenewed locations.

We very 120 much appreciate your interest in

the League and will be130 glad to welcome you as a subscribing member for the140 coming season.

Very cordially yours, (145-1.49)

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Hon. W. E. Chilton Charleston, West Virginia

My dear Senator:

I need hardly tell you with what10 genuine interest I read your letter of June 22.20 You were indeed a true friend and a generous supporter30 throughout your term in the Senate and I want to⁴⁰ express most warmly my sense of gratitude for your friendship⁵⁰ and support.

Your letter made me think very hard upon60 the question whether there was any avenue open to me70 through which I could express my personal interest in your80 candidacy, but I am blocked by circumstances which I am 90 sure you will not need to have expounded to you.100 Again and again this question has presented itself to me¹¹⁰ and always I have been checked by the consciousness that120 intervention of any sort on my part, even so much¹³⁰ as the appearance of an effort to pick and prefer140 a candidate, would produce the most embarrassing impressions and be150 met by justifiable resentment on the part of the constituency160 concerned, which would do more harm to my friend than 170 my preference would do good. It is in this blind180 alley that I find myself and I am sure you¹⁹⁰ will appreciate the situation with your usual intuition.

Cordially and²⁰⁰ sincerely yours, Woodrow Wilson, (204-1.49)

Mr. Harold F. Smith
75 Walton Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Without obligating you in any way, may I¹⁰ have the pleasure of placing a Winton car at your²⁰

disposal for your inspection and trial?

It is the desire³⁰ of the Winton factory to have every owner of high⁴⁰-grade automobiles ride in the Winton, and I believe that⁵⁰ a demonstration will be worth your while whether or not⁶⁰ you are considering the purchase of a new car.

The⁷⁰ luxurious easy-riding flexibility of the Winton cannot be appreciated⁸⁰ unless one actually rides in the car. Will you favor⁹⁰ me by giving me this opportunity?

On most models we¹⁰⁰ can make immediate delivery. If you have a used car¹¹⁰ to trade, we shall be glad to consider it.

 A^{120} new catalogue is just off the press. May we send 130 you a copy?

Very truly yours, (136-1.49)

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Messrs. Weiler & Company Marion, Virginia

Gentlemen:

Is your letterhead making the impression that you desire? 10 Is it neat, dignified, attractive? The same thought should be20 given to the style of your letterhead and to the30 quality and character of the paper that has been given40 to

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the message that you wish to convey. This very⁵⁰ important factor in your business is one that you can⁶⁰ easily control.

The accompanying samples are stamped from steel dies,⁷⁰ characteristic of our work, and illustrate the point which we⁸⁰ mean to bring out.

Your name on the enclosed card⁹⁰ will not obligate you in any way, but will bring¹⁰⁰ a representative to see you at your convenience.

May we¹¹⁰ have an opportunity to tell you more about this? Your¹²⁰ present stock may be sufficient, but this need not keep¹³⁰ you from returning the card for future consideration.

Very truly¹⁴⁰ yours, (141—1.49)

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Mr. Theodore A. Crane
1365 East Thirteenth Street
Brooklyn, New York
My dear Mr. Crane:

My dear Mr. Crane:

The annual appeal of the Salvation¹⁰ Army is now being made in Brooklyn. The purpose of²⁰ the money asked for is to provide suitable working capital³⁰ for those institutions the Army maintains in our borough.

Regardless⁴⁰ of your loyalty to other charities, you are urged to⁵⁰ contribute liberally to this organization, which requires neither introduction nor⁶⁰ apology. They must have funds to function properly, and your⁷⁰ support is most essential for the achievement of their working⁸⁰ budget.

I feel that you approve of the Army's efforts, 90 that you do want to help them in caring for 100 the less fortunate, and that you will take pride in 110

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seeing our quota reached. Hence, I am asking you to¹²⁰ fill out the enclosed card, attach as large a check¹³⁰ as possible, and mail it as soon as you can¹⁴⁰ do so.

Cordially yours, (144-1.49)

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Mr. John McArthur Elmdale, Illinois

In Re: New Restaurant, Elmdale, Illinois Dear Sir:

If there¹⁰ is any organization qualified to act as your adviser and²⁰ friend that organization is surely Alfred Dick & Company. Our³⁰ policy of the best service and the finest quality of⁴⁰ merchandise for the most reasonable price places us in a⁵⁰ position where we believe we deserve your business.

Our organization⁶⁰ could not exist on new installations only. We know that⁷⁰ china will break, linens will wear out, and equipment become⁸⁰ inadequate. We also know that if the china we supply⁹⁰ you is better, if our linens last longer, and if¹⁰⁰ our equipment is designed with your future needs, as well¹¹⁰ as your present ones, in mind, then, when the matters¹²⁰ of replacement and supplies come up, you will naturally consult¹³⁰ that "old friend" of yours, Alfred Dick & Company.

In¹⁴⁰ other words, our business demands that we aid you in¹⁵⁰ every way possible to make a success of your venture.¹⁶⁶ We have the resources, the experience, and a sincere desire¹⁷⁰ to do so. Our representative is anxious to confer with¹⁸⁰

you while he is in your territory. Of course, this 190 service will not place you under any obligation.

Advise us²⁰⁰ how your proposition is progressing. We shall look for your²¹⁰ reply with the greatest of interest.

Yours very truly, (219—1.49)

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Dr. Henry E. Hein James Monroe High School Bronx, New York City

Dear Sir:

In order to give the students who yearly¹⁰ visit the Business Show an opportunity to take a test²⁰ that will be of value to them in showing them³⁰ their proficiency in stenography and typewriting and also to give⁴⁰ their visit to the Business Show an added interest, *The*⁵⁰ News-Tribune will conduct a Stenographers' Drill Contest. The plan⁶⁰ is briefly outlined on the attached sheet.

Won't you please⁷⁰ pass both this letter and the additional information to the⁸⁰ head of your stenography and typewriting departments?

The News-Tribune⁹⁰ has tickets available for admission to the Business Show. If¹⁰⁰ you will write to Department G we shall be glad¹¹⁰ to send you the number of tickets you require, and¹²⁰ if at the same time you can tell us how¹³⁰ many of your students expect to compete in the contest¹⁴⁰ it will be helpful to us. The number of contestants¹⁵⁰ in no way limits the number of admission tickets which¹⁶⁰ you require.

Very truly yours, (165—1.49)

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Mr. R. E. Rice

610 Drake Street

Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Rice:

In the majority of cases our customers¹⁰ pay us promptly. When they do not it is usually²⁰ a matter of having overlooked or forgotten it.

We are³⁰ sure this friendly little reminder wil¹ be accepted in the⁴⁰ same spirit in which we are sending it and that⁵⁰ remittance will be forwarded promptly.

Thank you.

Yours truly, (59—1.50)

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Star Business College'

Wilmington, Delaware

Gentlemen:

One of your circulars describing your Secretarial Training Course¹⁰ has recently come to my attention through a young lady²⁰ connected with the company in which I am employed. I³⁰ note that the course is divided into two parts of⁴⁰ fifteen lectures each.

I have had in mind taking a⁵⁰ course of this kind but one that did not cover⁶⁰ such a long period and one that was more intensive⁷⁰ in training. I am informed, however, that the second semester⁸⁰ commences very shortly and would appreciate your informing me whether⁹⁰ I could attend the second half.

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experience in the business world110 and have graduated from a public high school.

Very truly¹²⁰ yours, (121—1.50)

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Messrs. Floyd & Elliott

338 Fulton Street

Brooklyn, New York

Gentlemen:

We have just heard from Mr. Carpenter, of our¹⁰ Brooklyn office, that he had been to see you

regarding²⁰ our metals.

This letter, therefore, is merely to thank you³⁰ for the courtesies and consideration shown him when at your⁴⁰ office, and to remind you of our willingness to assist50 in any problems you may have in which metals such60 as we manufacture are to be considered.

Yours very truly, 70 (70-1.50)

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Mr. Henry J. Bingham

206 New York Avenue

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your order for 10 packages soap; invoice value¹⁰ \$54.60; C. O. D. \$25.²⁰

The above order has been shipped from our warehouse and30 will probably reach your local freight station within three days.40 Our truckman will make delivery to you just as soon⁵⁰ as the shipment arrives.

We appreciate this order and are 60 taking the

liberty of notifying you in advance of the 70 amount of the invoice and the amount payable on delivery 80 of the goods so that it will not inconvenience you 90 to pay the driver when he calls.

The balance of 100 the invoice is payable on

our regular terms.

Yours very 110 truly, (111-1.50)

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Mr. S. M. Hyatt

362 Locust Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Your cordial letter of December 21, regarding¹⁰ merchandise totaling \$93.50 charged to your²⁰ account in September, is much appreciated.

On reviewing our records³⁰ we find that the ten neckties, six collars, and two⁴⁶ ready-made dress shirts, totaling \$83, charged on⁵⁰ September 15, were purchased by Mr. J. R. Hyatt and⁶⁰ delivered to him at the Franklin Hotel. He instructed us⁷⁰ to charge the merchandise to your account.

The purchase of ⁸⁰ September 10 of one readymade shirt and one collar ⁹⁰ was delivered at the time in our shop to the ¹⁰⁰ gentleman who bought the goods. Our records would indicate this ¹¹⁰ was you, although undoubtedly, after reading your letter, we are ¹²⁰ of the opinion this purchase was also made by your ¹³⁰ brother.

It was very kind of you to write him. 140 We are sure he will promptly assure you our bill is correct. We shall appreciate receiving your remittance soon after 160 the first of the year.

Yours very truly, (168-1.50)

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Mr. Fred L. Bradley
509 East Second Street
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

November 2 invoice \$143.00¹⁰
December 22 remittance 140.50²⁰
Freight charges paid by you. 2.50

Thank³⁰ you for your recent remittance, which we have placed to⁴⁰ your credit as above.

The railroad has evidently made a⁵⁰ mistake in collecting from you, as we prepay freight charges⁶⁰ on all of our shipments. We are sorry to trouble⁷⁰ you further in the matter, but if you will forward⁸⁰ us the freight bill signed by the railroad agent we⁹⁰ shall be able to balance your account and collect this¹⁰⁰ duplicate payment from the railroad.

We are enclosing a stamped¹¹⁰ addressed envelope and shall appreciate your help.

Yours very truly, 120 (120-1.50)

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Mr. Russell J. Watson 39 Haines Street

Nashua, New Hampshire

Dear Sir:

We are pleased to receive your request for ¹⁰ Health Service No. 2.

The Life Service Institute will send²⁰ you a questionnaire and a container. We urge you to³⁰ follow at once the directions given by the Institute. You⁴⁰ will then receive a letter of

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practical advice from the⁵⁰ headquarters of the Institute with "Keep Well" leaflets and such⁶⁰ other publications as may fit your case, and a quarterly⁷⁰ health magazine for one year. By taking the Health Service⁸⁰ the standing of your policy is, of course, in no⁹⁰ way affected.

We extend this service to you free of 100 charge for your benefit in the hope that you will 110 take full advantage of it. If you find the service 120 helpful, we shall be glad to have you tell your 130 friends about it. If there is any feature that in 140 your opinion can be bettered, kindly let us know.

A¹⁵⁰ goodly number of our policyholders have been greatly benefited by¹⁶⁰ the Health Services, and the company is offering you the¹⁷⁰ best that is to be had along these lines.

Yours¹⁸⁰ very truly, (182-1.50)

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Mr. J. C. Harwood 45 Lawson Street Detroit, Michigan My dear Mr. Harwood:

We note that you have not¹⁰ yet taken advantage of the credit privilege that we extended²⁰ you in our previous letter. The fact that we are³⁰ again addressing you proves that we appreciate and desire your⁴⁰ valued patronage.

You will find that purchasing on easy payments⁵⁰ is the convenient way, the efficient way, the business-like⁶⁰ way for those who, like yourself, wish to be well⁷⁰ dressed at a modest outlay.

Our store is one flight⁸⁰ up, where rentals are down; no expensive fixtures or elaborate⁹⁰ show

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This month we are offering Rochester, G. G. G., 120 and other branded style creations of America's leading manufacturers. The 130 spring suit or topcoat that you prefer is here, in 140 your favorite fabric, pattern, and color. Our remarkably complete assortment 150 makes it easy for us to suit any type and 160 any figure. Prices range from \$30. Terms as low 170 as \$2 per week.

Come in and look over¹⁸⁰ our array of spring apparel values. Prices tell their own¹⁹⁰ story of economy and savings. We'll leave the rest to²⁰⁰ your buying judgment. When may we expect you?

Yours very²¹⁰ truly, (211—1.50)

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Dr. James H. Ferns 35 Rose Street

Elizabeth, New Jersey

My dear Dr. Ferns:

Modern youth admits that the education¹⁰ of its parents is a long, slow process. And we²⁰ agree that it takes a long time to educate many³⁰ parents to the point of choosing a summer camp early⁴⁰ in the year. But each season more and more wise⁵⁰ fathers and mothers write for camp information and consult the⁶⁰ magazine directories in December, January, and February.

These forehanded parents,⁷⁰ while fewer in number than the later prospects, are more⁸⁰ carefully and deliberately selecting just the right camp for each⁹⁰ boy and girl. So the directors

who wish their camps100 to have the serious consideration of these parents and who¹¹⁰ prefer to have camp enrollment lists closed early, will not120 fail to place an announcement in the February Cosmopolis.

This 130 issue is on sale January 10, when holidays are over,140 schools reopened, and there is a breathing space to turn 150 to summer plans. It goes into 1,588,000160 and more homes. Be sure that your 170 order and copy for this number reach us by November¹⁸⁰ 27, and note again that the four-time camp¹⁹⁰ rate corresponds to the sixtime rate listed on the200 enclosed order blank. Your order for February through May, on210 that basis, would include the early and important camp months.220

Yours truly, (222—1.50)

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Mr. Elliott A. Bates 24 Beech Street Akron, Ohio

Dear Sir:

When we need legal counsel we go to10 a lawyer-when we need medical diagnosis we seek a20 capable doctor—and so throughout the world people are constantly30 endeavoring to procure the best mind possible to pass on⁴⁰ their particular requirements.

It is with this thought in mind⁵⁰ that we place ourselves at your disposal for the proper⁶⁰ distribution of your clients' surplus funds.

As the first and 70 oldest real estate agent in

this country, a span of 80 fifty-nine years with

safety and satisfaction to every investor, 90 we have confidence in our ability to satisfy the most 100 exacting demands in the investment world.

Harrington 7 per cent¹¹⁰ first mortgage bonds, the normal income tax of 4 per¹²⁰ cent paid at the source by the borrower, represents, with¹³⁰ their splendid margin of safety over the mortgage, the

very¹⁴⁰ best procurable.

You may have, if you wish, the guarantee¹⁵⁰ of one of the largest and strongest insurance companies in¹⁶⁰ the world against loss of either principal or interest during¹⁷⁰ the life of any Harrington bond. As this insurance premium¹⁸⁰ is ½ per cent, the net yield is brought¹⁹⁰ down to 6½ per cent guaranteed. Of²⁰⁰ course a client might prefer the bond unguaranteed; in this²¹⁰ case the net yield is 7 per cent.

Please feel²²⁰ free to call on us for information. Very truly, (229—1.50)

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Mr. Spencer Driggs 542 St. Clair Avenue Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

This sample packet is sent you in accordance¹⁰ with our prize contest agreement. Awards will be made as²⁰ soon after the termination date as possible; those who are³⁰ adjudged the winners will be notified and arrangements made for⁴⁰ the stamping of the paper and delivery of the box.⁵⁰

We have received hundreds of letters and many of them⁶⁰ are decidedly interesting and contain many forceful arguments as to⁷⁰ why Old Campfire is used.

Almost invariably those who use⁸⁰ Old Campfire took the attitude that those who use quality⁹⁰ stationery do so because of their own good taste, desire¹⁰⁰ for that which is worth while, and the personal satisfaction¹¹⁰ the possession of quality stationery gives them. Many of these¹²⁰ frankly admit that stationery the quality of Old Campfire must¹³⁰ naturally make a most favorable impression upon the recipient, but¹⁴⁰ that is not the thought that prompts their purchase.

It¹⁵⁰ would seem from your own letter you are not a¹⁶⁰ user of Old Campfire. From the excellent reasons you advance¹⁷⁰ for the use of high-grade stationery we know you¹⁸⁰ will appreciate the quality as evidenced by the sample enclosed¹⁹⁰ and trust you will find a size that will please²⁰⁰ you.

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We prefer, of course, to have your local dealer²¹⁰ serve you, but if he cannot, tell us the size²²⁰ desired and we will tell you the price and take²³⁰ pleasure in filling your order.

Yours very truly, (238-1.50)

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Mr. Louis B. Berk 123 West Eleventh Street New York, New York

Dear Sir:

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You probably are more or less familiar with¹⁰ the *Scientific Alumnus*. College men have been writing for it²⁰ and reading it for the last eighty years and every³⁰ little while one writes in to tell me how much⁴⁰ he enjoys it. It seems to be a sort of⁵⁰ painless post-graduate course to keep

him up to date⁶⁰ on what is being accomplished in science and industry.

If⁷⁰ you haven't seen it lately, you'll be surprised at the⁸⁰ evolution it has undergone. It's bigger, brighter, and more interesting⁹⁰ than it used to be, and at the same time¹⁰⁰ it is even more heartily indorsed by leading scientists. They¹¹⁰ recognize it as the one authoritative magazine in the country¹²⁰ to keep laymen posted on what scientists and leaders in¹³⁰ industry are doing.

Recently we moved into a new building,¹⁴⁰ in Fortieth Street, just across the street from the Public¹⁵⁰ Library, right in the heart of this great city of ¹⁶⁰ ours that you and I look on as the intellectual¹⁷⁰ and industrial center of the world. By way of celebrating, ¹⁸⁰ we are making a special subscription offer to alumni of ¹⁹⁰ New York's most representative institution, the City College.

The regular²⁰⁰ price, you know, is \$4 a year. Just because²¹⁰ you are a City College man, however, you may have²²⁰ the *Scientific Alumnus* for the next six months for only²³⁰ \$1.50; or for a whole year for²⁴⁰ only \$2.50.

Want it?

Cordially, (248—1.50)

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Mr. Alfred S. Bryan 20 Pearl Street

Garden City, Virginia

Dear Sir:

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Thank you for your request for a sample¹⁰ copy of *American Homes and Gardens*. One is being sent²⁰ to you under separate cover.

In each number are many³⁰ interesting and

helpful articles about flowers, gardening, lawn building, interior⁴⁰ and exterior home decoration, methods of canning and preserving, etc. 50 Please read the enclosed booklet for a more complete description.60

Every member of your family will enjoy and be benefited 70 by American Homes and Gardens, and when you subscribe you80 automatically become a member of our Subscribers' Information Bureau. As90 a member of this bureau you are entitled to any100 information that we can give you, without charge.

If you¹¹⁰ subscribe now, this splendid magazine will cost you less than 120 3 cents per month, for the next three years. This 130 is probably about one-third of what you expected to140 pay. Let's start your subscription with the next number. Enclosed¹⁵⁰ is a convenient order blank. Send it to me now160 with money order, bank draft, your personal check, or a¹⁷⁰ \$1 bill. If you prefer to subscribe for one¹⁸⁰ year only, send 35 cents.

You will get American¹⁹⁰ Homes and Gardens and our special service for the full200 term of your subscription. As convincing evidence of my own²¹⁰ belief that you will be pleased, we agree to return²²⁰ your money any time you say you are not satisfied.230

Yours very truly, (233—1.50)

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Messrs. Rubin, Stern Company 212 South Division Street Grand Rapids, Michigan

Gentlemen:

We are anxious to cooperate with you in pro-

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moting¹⁰ the best possible credit relationship between you and the houses²⁰ from which you make your purchases.

We are sure that³⁰ you will be glad to assist us in this purpose⁴⁰ by sending us a list of the houses with which⁵⁰ you deal, giving us the privilege of referring to as⁶⁰ many as may be necessary.

Your compliance with this request⁷⁰ will avoid the necessity of making a general inquiry among⁸⁰ our members.

The form on the back of this letter⁹⁰ is provided for the purpose.

Very truly yours, (98—1.51)

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Mr. Louis I. Bolt

100 West Thirty-Second Street New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 14 has been referred¹⁰ to me for reply. I am very glad indeed to²⁰ forward a number of back copies of *Business Men* in³⁰ order to permit you to familiarize yourself with that publication⁴⁰ for your particular purpose.

I note that you will not⁵⁰ be prepared to discuss your advertising campaign until the middle⁶⁰ of December and that you prefer that I do not⁷⁰ call before that time. Might I not suggest, though, that,⁸⁰ after having looked over the copies of *Business Men* I⁹⁰ am sending you, it might be a good idea to¹⁰⁰ give me ten or fifteen minutes to tell you a¹¹⁰ little something about the publica-

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tion as an advertising medium. If 120 so, I shall gladly call at your convenience or, if 130 you prefer, wait until about December 15.

May I not¹⁴⁰ hear from you? Yours very truly, (146—1.51)

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Mr. Albert Wynn
236 State Street
Albany, New York

My dear Mr. Wynn:

The attached memorandum will tell you¹⁰ just how your policy may again be placed in force²⁰ with a very small cash outlay on your part.

The³⁰ loan which will make this possible will place you under⁴⁰ no serious obligation. The loan would be granted solely against⁵⁰ the policy as security and need not be repaid on⁶⁰ any specified date. It may remain outstanding as long as⁷⁰ premium and interest payments are met, though you have the⁸⁰ further privilege of repaying the loan at any time in⁹⁰ full or in part, at your convenience.

Will you please¹⁰⁰ send us the medical certificate at the earliest possible moment.¹¹⁰ Upon approval of the medical certificate the loan papers with¹²⁰ instructions will be furnished. We offer to pay the medical¹³⁰ certificate fee.

Please act promptly in this matter so that¹⁴⁰ the reinstatement may be completed and this policy may be¹⁵⁰ again placed in force, with its value to you increasing¹⁶⁰ from year to year.

Yours truly, (166-1.51)

Mr. Thomas J. Lewis

36 Garden Street

Newark, New Jersey

Dear Shareholder:

Mortgage Assets—\$1,500,000.10

The steady and constant growth of our association, as exemplified²⁰ by the above figure, is dependent not only on the³⁰ efforts exerted by its officers and directors, but also on⁴⁰ the number of shares in force.

The seventieth series opens⁵⁰ on Monday, July 26, 1927. We⁶⁰ call upon all shareholders to do their best in obtaining⁷⁰ shares. Subscribe to as many as you are able; then⁸⁰ pass the enclosed blanks to your friends. Have them take⁹⁰ out shares.

An increase in our shares means a proportionate¹⁰⁰ increase in our loaning capacity, with the consequent result of¹¹⁰ greater and larger profits to all shareholders.

Let every shareholder¹²⁰ bring at least one new subscriber and he will have¹³⁰ done a duty which he owes to himself.

Save now;140 and smile later.

Cordially yours, (145-1.51)

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Mr. Albert L. Clothier 386 West Eighth Street

New York, New York

Dear Sir:

In making arrangements for your annual

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vacation please¹⁰ bear in mind that every branch of the Money Exchange²⁰ Bank is able to provide you with travelers' checks or³⁰ a travelers' letter of credit.

Every branch of the bank⁴⁰ has on hand for immediate sale American Express Company travelers'⁵⁰ checks and American Bankers Association travelers' checks at prices more⁶⁰ reasonable than you will pay anywhere else.

The travelers' letter⁷⁰ of credit issued by the Money Exchange Bank, which you⁸⁰ can obtain at any one of its branches, is well⁹⁰ known all over the world because of an exceptionally large¹⁰⁰ and carefully selected list of correspondents. A great many of¹¹⁰ these letters of credit are issued by the bank each¹²⁰ year.

If you have to send money abroad to any¹³⁰ country, this can be done at reasonable rates through any¹⁴⁰ branch of the Money Exchange Bank, without delay, either by¹⁵⁰ draft, cable, or letter.

So if you contemplate traveling this 160 summer or wish to send money abroad, a call at 170 the most convenient branch of the Money Exchange Bank will 180 insure you excellent service.

Very truly yours, (187—1.51)

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Mr. H. B. Heath 1592 Lyndale Avenue

Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

At this time careful investors are considering and 10 making decisions for the safe investment of

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their funds soon²⁰ available. The current edition of the Greenwood Investment Guide, which³⁰ ushers in our seventy-second year of successful investment experience⁴⁰ and faithful service to thousands of investors, will be of⁵⁰ great value to you.

You will find in the Guide⁶⁰ great diversification not only in security, but also in location.⁷⁰ Pages 6 to 12 describe briefly the exceptionally attractive bond⁸⁰ issues offered at this time with the full recommendation of⁹⁰ the oldest real estate bond house—founded 1855.¹⁰⁰

As high as 6½ per cent interest¹¹⁰ return may not long be obtainable combined with greatest safety. The tendency is towards lower interest rates, where first mortgage to bonds are secured by property in the choicest location of the larger cities—like those described in the Investment Guide. Greenwood bonds, with their unequaled record of seventy-two years for proven safety to investors, are more and more in demand to by thrifty people everywhere. Every dollar of principal and interest has always been paid to bondholders promptly when due.

The¹⁹⁰ other articles in the Guide will interest you because of²⁰⁰ the additional helpful information regarding the safeguards employed by this²¹⁰ house, and the complete service facilities which are offered to²²⁰ all of our patrons. We want to call your attention²³⁰ to the article regarding business conditions and trends for the²⁴⁰ year 1927 on page 1.

An unprecedented²⁵⁰ demand for the conservative offerings described in the Guide is²⁶⁰ g d on expected. So that you may secure the bonds you wish,²⁷⁰ we are enclosing a reservation order blank for your convenience²⁸⁰ in telling us of your requirements. Reservations can be made²⁹⁰ now for immediate or future delivery. We suggest that you³⁰⁰ indicate your second choice of issue when filling out the³¹⁰ blank.

Yours very truly, (314—1.51)

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Mr. J. L. Ryan

125 Fulton Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

It is a curious thing that men and 10 women who would never think of naming an individual as 20 their bank do not hesitate to appoint one as the 30 executor and trustee of their wills.

They would ridicule anyone⁴⁰ who suggested the idea of an individual acting as their⁵⁰ bank. Immediately they would say that he could not do⁶⁰ the work; that he might succumb to temptation; that he⁷⁰ might "disappear"; that he might be away on a trip⁸⁰ or a vacation when he was wanted most; that he⁹⁰ might be sick when his services were badly needed; that¹⁰⁰ he might die.

And yet, in any of these cases,¹¹⁰ those who appointed them would be on hand to take¹²⁰ charge of matters. In the case of an executor, however,¹³⁰ those who appoint an individual cannot be on hand after¹⁴⁰ he takes charge. With all these objections to having an¹⁵⁰ individual as a bank, stronger in the case of an¹⁶⁰ executor, there is the additional reason that the one who¹⁷⁰

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appoints him cannot be at his elbow to guide him¹⁸⁰ or, if events make it necessary or wise, to watch¹⁹⁰ him.

If you, in your sound business judgment, would rather²⁰⁰ have a responsible financial institution than an individual handle your²¹⁰ financial affairs, isn't it the part of wisdom, for much²²⁰ the same reasons, to appoint an experienced trust company as²³⁰ your executor and trustee?

We shall be glad to discuss²⁴⁰ the subject and hope you will give us an opportunity²⁵⁰ to

do so.

Very truly yours, (256—1.51)

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T. G. Mercer Company Saranac, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Your initial Fashion Review pattern stock was shipped on 10 November 30 via the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. We hope 20 it will reach you

promptly, in good condition.

We are³⁰ sorry there should have been this slight delay, but feel⁴⁰ sure you will understand when we explain that the volume⁵⁰ of orders has been so great these past several months⁶⁰ that, despite an additional working force, we have been unable⁷⁰ to ship the stocks as promptly as we wished. The⁸⁰ orders are filled in rotation, and yours received prompt attention.⁹⁰

Please be assured of our willingness to help you in¹⁰⁰ any reasonable manner in the development of your Fashion Review¹¹⁰ pattern department, so do not hesitate to write us if¹²⁰ we can

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be of service. Your suggestions will be given ¹³⁰ careful thought.

Kind wishes for your success.

Very truly yours, 140 (140-1.52)

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American Mutual Liability Insurance Company 142 Berkeley Street Boston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Attention of Mr. C. E. Hodges

We want you¹⁰ to know how well pleased we are with the service²⁰ your company has rendered us.

We, of course, deal through³⁰ your Chicago office and are particularly pleased with their promptness⁴⁰ in handling all matters referred to them, and their fairness⁵⁰ in making all adjustments.

Your company has handled our business⁶⁰ for several years to our entire satisfaction.

Yours very truly, 70 (70—1.52)

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Mr. Paul K. Burton

715 Georgia Savings Bank Building Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

As surety on the bond described below we¹0 desire information regarding the contract. Will you kindly let us²0 have the data indicated.

You will understand, of course, that³⁰ your kind compliance with this request will in no way⁴⁰

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affect our liability or impair your rights under our bond.⁵⁰

We request the information, not for any special reason concerned⁶⁰ with your case, but only in accordance with our practice⁷⁰ to ascertain from time to time the progress of all⁸⁰ work in connection with which we have issued contract bonds.⁹⁰

Yours truly, (92—1.52)

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Mr. N. W. Keane 720 Oley Street

Reading, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your letter of ¹⁰ October 7 enclosing signed order for advertising for 1927. ²⁰ I note the new copy which you attach ³⁰ and have instructed my home office to have the advertisement ⁴⁰ set up as shown, and proof forwarded to you.

I⁵⁰ most certainly appreciate the business you are giving me and⁶⁰ sincerely trust that it proves most profitable for yourself.

Yours⁷⁰ very truly, (72—1.52)

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Mr. Paul S. Kammerman 1320 Valley Spring Avenue Albany, New York My dear Mr. Kammerman:

The end of the summer season¹⁰ is approaching and we wish to let you know how²⁰ very much

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we appreciate the business with which you have³⁰ been good enough to favor us.

We hope that our⁴⁰ service has in every way been satisfactory to you. If⁵⁰ not, we wish that you would give us your frank⁶⁰ criticism, thereby helping us to improve in handling subsequent orders,⁷⁰ particularly next year.

We hope that our best wishes, extended⁸⁰ at the beginning of the summer, for a successful season,⁹⁰ have materialized.

Yours truly, (94-1.52)

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Mr. Elmer E. Lacey
415 Iris Street

West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Sir:

We have addressed to you several communications regarding¹⁰ your account, but to date have not received settlement.

It²⁰ is only natural that we should expect payment in accordance³⁰ with our terms, or at least within a reasonable period.⁴⁰

It is our policy to cooperate with our friends to⁵⁰ every reasonable extent, but when our correspondence is not answered⁶⁰ we are left to draw conclusions which, while they may⁷⁰ not be fair to you, leave us but one alternative.⁸⁰

Having made a conscientious effort to collect our account direct, 90 we hope you will realize that if we are not 100 in receipt of your remittance by return mail we shall 110 be unable to avoid the unpleasantness of having the account 120 placed in the hands of our attorney.

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We are sure¹³⁰ you will appreciate that this position has been forced upon¹⁴⁰ us.

Yours very truly, (144-1.52)

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Mr. George G. Wise

160 Oak Grove Avenue

Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Wise:

It happens very often that a¹⁰ stock subscriber, after learning more about your Guardian System Company²⁰ in New York City, asks to become a regular member³⁰ of our co-working forces. Surely we are pleased to give⁴⁰ each applicant careful consideration, but not in every case can⁵⁰ we pass favorably upon the employment application.

Only a definite⁶⁰ number of service men may be employed in our organization⁷⁰ at a given time. We aim to build our forces⁸⁰ only as fast as we

can take care of the 90 expansion.

It would be an excellent experience for you to 100 accompany your representative on several calls, and see the splendid 110 efforts he shows in presenting the facts about your business. 120

A Guardian System sales training has taught hundreds of men¹³⁰ and women how to conduct a successful business better, even¹⁴⁰ though they did not make Guardian System service their life¹⁵⁰ work.

It will always be our desire to assist you¹⁶⁰ to build a bigger and stronger foundation for your personal¹⁷⁰ business career.

Very truly yours, (175-1.52)

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Mr. L. S. Rawlins

840 Cookman Avenue

Asbury Park, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing your certificate of members ship and 10 are pleased to say you are now soundly insured with20 the largest and greatest mutual accident insurance company in the30 world.

A great many of our members have been with40 us since our organization started fortythree years ago. These⁵⁰ men are loudest in their praise and admiration for the 60 Seneca. So you, in time, will learn to appreciate the 70 protection you are enjoying each day and in years to 80 come will consider your Seneca policy one of your best⁹⁰ investments.

In regard to payments, we operate upon an assessment100 system and assessments are levied only according to the Association's 110 require-= ments. The entrance fee which accompanied your application also covers120 the assessment which is now in the course of collection. 130 You will receive due notice of the next one when 140 issued and will be allowed the usual forty-five days150 to make your payment.

With a mutual organization such as160 ours. Q. we depend almost entirely upon the good will and 170 cooperation of our members for our growth and progress. It180 has always been our custom to present a member, introducing190 a new member, with his choice of an emblem button,200 pin, 7 grip tag, watch fob, card case, or key tag210 and chain. We are sure you have at least one226

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friend whom you would like to propose for membership, so²³⁰ we are enclosing an application blank.

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We thank you for²⁴⁰ favoring us with your application and we look forward to²⁵⁰ receiving a new member with your indorsement.

Yours very truly,260 (260—1.52)

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Mr. John W. Hood 45 Searle Building Rochester, New York

Dear Sir:

Once more we come to the stopping point¹⁰ of an old year, to look with pleasure at the²⁰ New Year ahead, and our anticipation of what the New³⁰ Year holds is pleasingly colored by what the old year⁴⁰ has given forth.

We assure you we appreciate to the⁵⁰ fullest extent the truly wonderful assistance and cooperation you have⁶⁰ rendered our buying organization throughout the past year. We now⁷⁰ wish to extend to you and your organizations our hearty⁸⁰ thanks for your efforts in our behalf

There is a⁹⁰ close bond between manufacturer and retailer, due in large measure¹⁰⁰ to our mutual necessity—a bond that is becoming more¹¹⁰ personal as the members of our busy firms meet each¹²⁰ other. It is our sincere wish that this personal friendship¹³⁰ will be more closely cemented during the coming year.

On¹⁴⁰ behalf of my fellow executives, and for myself, please accept¹⁵⁰ our best wishes for the

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New Year, and may it 160 be filled with happiness-success, and prosperity.

Sincerely yours, (169-1.52)

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Kaufman Straus Company Louisville, Kentucky Gentlemen:

Attention of Mr. W. F. Steinberger

Please pardon the 10 delay in answering your letter of May 21, which 20 has been held awaiting the return of the writer.

Despite³⁰ careful search as explained in our letter of May 12,⁴⁰ there is no record of an inventory being received from⁵⁰ you at the end of the year. If the inventory⁶⁰ book was sent us, it must have gone astray in⁷⁰ the mail, as occasionally happens, but it was never received⁸⁰ at this office.

Now you undoubtedly have a copy of 90 the inventory taken at that time. If you will let 100 us have a summary of the figures as called for 110 on the enclosed bulk inventory blanks, that will serve the 120 purpose admirably, and enable us to communicate with the State 130 Commission of Kentucky to their satisfaction. As this body has 140 again written us, we are, of course, eager to have 150 the situation cleared as soon as possible.

As you suggest, 160 if the writer has any request in the future, he¹⁷⁰ will address the letter to you. You may be sure 180 your personal interest is indeed appreciated.

Very sincerely yours, (189-1.52)

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Industrial Chemical Company
92 Packard Street
Detroit, Michigan

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing a circular announcing our latest type¹⁰ of Drum Cleaning Machine, which does away with the expensive²⁰ manual cleaning method and, instead, scours the containers in one³⁰ operation with uniform thoroughness, no matter how dirty they may⁴⁰ be.

You will be enabled thereby to reclaim your old⁵⁰ dirty drums and use them over and over again, until⁶⁰ they reach the scrapping stage on account of leakage.

Incidentally,⁷⁰ any leaky barrels or drums will be detected during the⁸⁰ first cleaning process, thereby eliminating the waste of product shipped⁹⁰ in defective containers, which seemed apparently sound owing to imperfect¹⁰⁰ cleaning.

We are prepared to prove that the cost of the cleaning per barrel by this machine is far less than the by any other machine now on the market.

This machine will pay for 140 itself in a very short time.

It should prove of ¹⁵⁰ interest to you, since the cost of new drums or ¹⁶⁰ cleaning by the old method is quite an item in ¹⁷⁰ selling your product. We believe that the use of our ¹⁸⁰ machine will help promote your sales.

If you are interested¹⁹⁰ we shall be glad to furnish details of operation and²⁰⁰ prices.

Yours very truly, (204-1.52)

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Mr. H. E. Blaine, Principal Joplin High School Joplin, Missouri

Dear Sir:

We are announcing to the high schools of the United States the fourth annual Lincoln Essay Contest for 20 our famous Volk medallion.

Our only object in providing this³⁰ beautiful medal is to spread knowledge of Lincoln's incomparable life⁴⁰ and works and to stimulate among the youth of the⁵⁰ land an honest affection for him. Lincoln lived in Springfield⁶⁰ and is buried here, where tens of thousands pay homage⁷⁰ at his tomb each year.

We furnish the medal without⁸⁰ charge, and leave it entirely to each school to prepare⁹⁰ its own rules and regulations, to select judges, and to¹⁰⁰ determine what program shall be given when the prize is¹¹⁰ awarded.

According to our records your school did not enter¹²⁰ this contest last winter. We sincerely hope you will decide¹³⁰ to enter your school this year so that your students¹⁴⁰ may derive the benefits from this intimate study of Lincoln,¹⁵⁰

The contest is fully explained in the booklet which we¹⁶⁰ enclose, and in case you decide to enter your school¹⁷⁰ it is only necessary to fill out and mail the¹⁸⁰ enclosed return postal card.

We shall be glad to answer¹⁹⁰ questions or to help you in any way to make²⁰⁰ the contest such a success that it will attract the²¹⁰ favorable attention of your whole community.

Yours very truly, (219-1.52)

Mr. William B. Franke 1250 Beacon Street Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

The investment of money is of importance and¹⁰ interest to all of us, and we think it is²⁰ very well agreed that all securities should be thoroughly investigated³⁰ before, and not after, they are purchased. Do you insist⁴⁰ on getting both sides of the story before you invest?⁵⁰

Many offerings are made today under the caption of mortgage⁶⁰ bonds that pay 6, 6½, and even 7⁷⁰ per cent. You may be attracted by these high rates⁸⁰ of interest and send for further information. Quite naturally, you⁹⁰ get in reply only one side of the full story.¹⁰⁰

We wish to point out that there is a very¹¹⁰ definite reason why these high rates of interest are being¹²⁰ paid when millions of dollars are being loaned in this¹³⁰ city on the guaranteed basis of 5½¹⁴⁰ per cent. We shall be very glad to explain the¹⁵⁰ difference to any investor who is interested in knowing the¹⁶⁰ facts.

At the risk of repetition, let us earnestly suggest¹⁷⁰ that you get both sides of the story before you¹⁸⁰ invest your money. We have prepared a very interesting booklet¹⁹⁰ dealing with the necessary points of safety in mortgage bonds,²⁰⁰ and we will send it promptly, without any obligation whatever,²¹⁰ upon your request. Simply fill out and return to us²²⁰ the enclosed card.

Very truly yours, (226—1.52)

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Mr. Arthur C. Bray 1523 Third Avenue

Birmingham, Alabama

My dear Mr. Bray:

You don't have to be told¹⁰ that real estate is the safest investment on earth. You²⁰ have heard that all your life.

What you want to³⁰ know is: "How can I make a real estate investment⁴⁰ that is absolutely safe, and at the same time yields⁵⁰ a high rate of income?"

Your answer is found in 60 an illustrated book written by Mr. Lynch, entitled "The Real 70 Estate Investment of the Future."

During the past fourteen years,⁸⁰ the Lynch Company has erected a large number of buildings,⁹⁰ aggregating millions of dollars. This work was done under the¹⁰⁰ Lynch plan of financing, designing, constructing, and operating—everything handled¹¹⁰ by one organization.

The Lynch plan of financing is based¹²⁰ on the idea that the man who furnishes the capital¹³⁰ to erect a building is entitled to receive all the¹⁴⁰ profits of that building, until his capital has been repaid,¹⁵⁰ with interest. And, thereafter, he is entitled to share in¹⁶⁰ all future profits equally with the man who conceived the¹⁷⁰ idea and did the work.

The fairness of this plan, ¹⁸⁰ and its fundamental soundness, together with the ability and integrity ¹⁹⁰ of the men who are directing the group of Lynch²⁰⁰ companies, are the reasons why every apartment house in operation ²¹⁰ today under this

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~ 32 6. ~ 32 plan is a success, from the standpoint²²⁰ of both the tenant and the investor.

The Lynch Company²³⁰ has been operating successfully for fourteen years. It has grown²⁴⁰ with the years, and will continue to grow. It is,²⁵⁰ therefore, worthy of your careful investigation.

The enclosed card will²⁶⁰ bring a copy of the book to you by mail,²⁷⁰ entirely without obligation.

Very truly yours, (276—1.52)

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Mr. Clarkson A. Collins

245 North Calvert Street

Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Collins:

You were shown in our letter of ¹⁰ January 5 the following six ways in which our financial ²⁰ service could be advantageously used by your firm for the ³⁰ purpose of expanding your business without acquiring a permanent obligation ⁴⁰ by increasing your capital.

1. You can increase your assets⁵⁰ and strengthen your credit at the same time.

2. Your⁶⁰ book accounts will work as hard as you do and⁷⁰ all shipments are made cash sales.

3. You can increase⁸⁰ your turnovers and make every dollar of your capital productive.⁹⁰

4. Your slow-paying customers become the most profitable.

5.100 You have no due dates to worry about.

6. You¹¹⁰ have a source of temporary capital on which you can¹²⁰ always depend.

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Certainly, one or more of the advantages of ¹³⁰ our plan should appeal to you and we want the ¹⁴⁰ opportunity to give you complete personal explanation.

We purchase time¹⁵⁰ payment or instalment accounts from manufacturers or dealers who sell¹⁶⁰ household and office appliances, etc., on the monthly payment basis.¹⁷⁰

The enclosed card is for your convenience. It brings you¹⁸⁰ full details, with no obligation on your part. It will¹⁹⁰ pay you to learn what we have to offer.

Very²⁰⁰ truly yours, (202—1.52)

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Miss Margaret E. Gilmore 432 De Kalb Avenue Brooklyn, New York

Dear Madam:

Although we do not have charge accounts, we¹⁰ are glad to tell you of our Depositors' Account Department²⁰ which is proving so helpful to over 30,000 interested³⁰ patrons.

By forwarding a check or depositing a cash amount⁴⁰ in our bank, you are privileged to shop against that⁵⁰ amount until it is exhausted. Interest is paid at 4⁶⁰ per cent on your daily balance and is compounded quarterly.⁷⁰ In this way your money never lies idle. Each month⁸⁰ a statement is sent showing how much you have spent⁹⁰ and the amount remaining to your credit.

At any time¹⁰⁰ you can withdraw all or any part of your deposit¹¹⁰ without previous notice. Should it be necessary to write or¹²⁰ telephone, you

will receive the same efficient service as if 130 shopping personally. The booklet we have enclosed further explains this 140 service.

It is our policy to have our prices always¹⁵⁰ lowest in the city, that is, at least 6 per¹⁶⁰ cent below all competitive retail prices—quality, style, and workmanship¹⁷⁰ considered by exact comparison. This is possible because we sell¹⁸⁰ as well as buy for cash.

We anticipate opening an¹⁹⁰ account for you and hope that we may be permitted²⁰⁰ to serve you further.

Yours very truly, (207—1.52)

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Mr. William D. Tracy 216 Canal Street New Smyrna, Florida

Dear Sir:

It gives me pleasure to welcome you as¹¹⁰ a new policyholder of the Trustee Life. In the exercise²⁰ of your best judgment you have joined the Company. We³⁰ should like you to feel that it is managed solely⁴⁰ in the interests of its policyholders, that safety and service⁵⁰ to them has been its guiding principle for more than⁶⁰ sixty years, and that it is the earnest endeavor of⁻⁰ the management to establish a closer relationship between it and⁶⁰ the Company's policyholders than usually exists in such business enterprises.⁶⁰

"What Insurance Service Can Mean to the Policyholder and His¹⁰⁰ Family" you will find expressed in the enclosed booklet, which¹¹⁰ we urge you to read and keep with your policy¹²⁰ for ready

reference, as it will considerably increase its value¹³⁰ to you and incidentally may add years to your life.¹⁴⁰

In particular do I wish to point out the privilege¹⁵⁰ of Health Service No. 1, to which you are entitled.¹⁶⁰ It consists of a personal letter from the Life Service¹⁷⁰ Institute, outlining a modern and common-sense way of leading¹⁸⁰ an active life and keeping well. This service is free¹⁹⁰ to you and does not affect the standing of your²⁰⁰ insurance in any way.

In our earnest efforts to serve²¹⁰ our policy-holders we solicit your cooperation and shall be glad²²⁰ to hear from you at any time.

Very truly yours,²³⁰ (230—1.52)

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Mr. B. W. Fisher

Lancaster High School

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Fisher:

One of the most interesting problems we¹⁰ have studied during the past few months has been with²⁰ regard to the actual position of the American farmer, and³⁰ the change that has taken place in his position in⁴⁰ the past three years.

Some of the information that we⁵⁰ have collected in attempting to reach a conclusion as to⁶⁰ the agricultural status has proved intensely interesting and Mr. Perkins⁷⁰ has had it put together in the form of a⁸⁰ brief graphic report. At his request I am sending a⁹⁰ copy to you under separate cover.

Very truly yours, (99—1.53)

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Mr. Charles A. Ritter 225 Main Street Beacon, New York

Dear Sir:

The matter referred to in your letters of 10 September 30 and October 24 has not been forgotten,20 but is being temporarily held in abeyance. When the opportune³⁰ time arrives we shall again take it up with you.40

Yours very truly, (43—1.53)

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Mrs. A. M. Jackson, 210 Langton Avenue Brooklyn, New York

Dear Madam:

On examining your fur coat left with us10 for storage we find that it would particularly lend itself²⁰ to remodeling, which would increase its attractiveness and beauty.

We30 have in mind a new wrap, a garment carefully conforming40 to the edicts of fashion for the coming season.

May⁵⁰ we have the privilege of discussing this with you personally.60 We are enclosing herewith an addressed postal card and shall⁷⁰ fold your garment aside in our storage vaults until we80 hear from you.

Should you desire to anticipate the season's 90 needs and avail yourself of the opportunity, there is a¹⁰⁰ special price concession on all summer work prior to August¹¹⁰ 15.

Very truly yours, (114—1.53)

Messrs. E. Rossmore & Company 1450 Prospect Avenue Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

Please send us by return mail the local rates¹⁰ for the *Journal*, Akron, Ohio, ranging from 10,000 up²⁰ to 75,000 lines.

If you do not have these³⁰ in your office we suggest your telegraphing for them, so⁴⁰ that we can get them immediately.

We shall appreciate your⁵⁰ prompt attention to this request.

Very truly yours, (59—1.53)

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Mr. B. C. Wilson

208 Friendship Street

Providence, Rhode Island

My dear Mr. Wilson:

Just make a memorandum that August¹⁰ 10 is the closing date for the October issue of²⁰ Business Men. It is going to be a big issue³⁰ both from an editorial standpoint and from an advertising standpoint.⁴⁰ Good positions are going fast. Undoubtedly you have a client⁵⁰ who will want to advertise in October Business Men.

Don't⁶⁰ you think it would be a good idea to get⁷⁰ your insertion order to me as soon as possible, or⁸⁰ at least a tentative reservation for space, in order that⁹⁰ you may have the best possible position for your client?¹⁰⁰

Yours very truly, (103-1.53)

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Mr. M. Wallach Central Building

Scranton, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Re: Mr. Henry Noble

Enclosed is a letter¹⁰ addressed to the above applicant with information in connection with20

the proposed reinstatement of the policy.

We are forwarding these³⁰ papers to your office in order that you may get40 in touch with the applicant and assist us in having⁵⁰ the policy reinstated on the Company's books.

We hope that⁶⁰ you may be successful and ask that you keep us70 informed.

Very truly yours, (74—1.53)

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Mr. Harry W. Bayer 261 Broadway New York, New York

Dear Sir:

In making the customary audit of our uptown¹⁰ office, it was found that, while the records showed that20 securities had been held for your account at that office30 prior to November 10, 1926, no securities⁴⁰ were being held for you on that date.

Will you⁵⁰ kindly inform us if this is correct by signing the 60 verification in the space shown below, returning this letter promptly 70 in the enclosed envelope.

Yours very truly, (77-1.53)

Mr. William N. Griffin
12 Union Square
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

We have a very desirable suite of rooms¹⁰ suitable for a high-class business that can be rented²⁰ for a term of years at a very attractive figure.³⁰

As Westchester County is growing rapidly, the desirability of an⁴⁰ attractive location is essential. Bronxville, as you know, is twenty-⁵⁰ nine minutes from Grand Central Station and is located centrally,⁶⁰ making it an unusually good site for a branch business.⁷⁰

This suite is in one of Bronxville's finest buildings and 80 comprises over 1,900 square feet of floor 90 surface. There are nine windows giving ample light and cross 100-ventilation. It is one-half a minute from the station. 110

We shall be pleased to go into the matter further. 120

Yours truly, (123—1.53)

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Mrs. Evelyn T. Hudson 135 Montgomery Street San Francisco, California

My dear Mrs. Hudson:

Human nature is very much the 10 same the world over. People don't like to be forgotten, 20 and since we observe from our records that we have 30 not been favored with your valued patron-

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age for some time⁴⁰ past, we are naturally wondering what can be keeping you⁵⁰ away.

It is our earnest desire to do everything possible of to merit the confidence and respect of our patrons, and when any of our old customers cease buying we are apprehensive lest anything has occurred to cause dissatisfaction.

Never in 90 the history of the store were stocks more appealing or 100 prices so attractive, and we hope we may confidently look 110 forward to a resumption of your esteemed patronage.

Yours very¹²⁰ truly, (121—1.53)

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Mrs. Mary K. Mannings 435 North Illinois Street Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Madam:

When our representative, Mr. S. L. Jones, was¹⁰ recently at your hotel he was given a tentative order²⁰ by Mr. Hall, for four suits of pajamas. He distinctly³⁰ marked his order not to proceed until we had confirmation⁴⁰ from you, further adding we would surely hear from you⁵⁰ the early part of last week.

As we understand Mr.⁶⁰ Hall is rather anxious to get these pajamas as soon⁷⁰ as possible, we should appreciate it if you would please⁸⁰ give us your authority to proceed with the order. We⁹⁰ might add the pajamas are priced at \$14.50¹⁰⁰ per suit, plus an additional charge of \$1.80¹¹⁰ per suit for special monograms to be embroidered.¹²⁰

We shall appreciate your kind cooperation. Yours very truly, (129—1.53)

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Mr. John Haddon 29 Bradley Place

Davenport, Iowa

Dear Sir:

We shall be very pleased to have you¹⁰ take up with us any matter about which you feel20 that there has been any error or misunderstanding. We want³⁰ to straighten these things out promptly and satisfactorily.

We find⁴⁰ that on the order which you were good enough to50 send us recently, you fixed prices that apparently had been60 taken from previous bills. You will, of course, appreciate that⁷⁰ prices do change. It is impossible to keep them on 80 the same level continuously.

We filled your order, charging the 90 current prices for the items in question, but, unfortunately, due100 to an oversight, you were not informed at the time. 110 Although the prices charged were thoroughly proper, fair, and moderate, 120 nevertheless, under the circumstances, we are crediting you with the 130 difference which you mention.

We hope that this will be 140 satisfactory. Very truly yours, (144—1.53)

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Mr. Sterling C. Conover 2405 Sierra Vista Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

We would like very much indeed to be10 able

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to contribute some article of merchandise to the Bazaar²⁰ that is to be held by the American Legion of³⁰ your city, but we are very sorry to say that⁴⁰ a rule of the house prevents us from doing it.⁵⁰

Up to two or three years ago we did contribute⁶⁰ in all matters of this kind, but since we started⁷⁰ national advertising we now have 6,000 retail customers. Sometimes⁸⁰ we get as many as fifty to seventy-five requests⁹⁰ a day in matters of this kind, or for other¹⁰⁰ forms of cooperation, either charitable or for advertising purposes. If¹¹⁰ we granted them all, our profits would be very seriously¹²⁰ impaired.

We cannot grant some and refuse others, so in 130 order to be absolutely fair in this matter it has 140 been necessary for us to make a rule that we 150 cannot contribute to anything outside of our own organization.

Very¹⁶⁰ truly yours, (162-1.53)

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Mr. E. B. Lyons

37 Auburn Avenue Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

We are extremely sorry you should have felt¹⁰ forced to write as you did in your letter of²⁰ November 30, for that letter expresses sentiment directly contrary to³⁰ that which we strive to establish between our merchant representatives⁴⁰ and this company.

Unless you feel happy in your dealings⁵⁰ with us, it goes without saying you will not have⁶⁰ the proper interest in the promotion of the

department. With⁷⁰ that in mind, we are naturally anxious to develop and⁸⁰ retain your business friendship, and so especially regret anything that⁹⁰ we may have written from this office should have failed¹⁰⁰ to express the friendly feeling we are anxious to have¹¹⁰ exist between us.

Now, Mr. Lyons, we earnestly hope no¹²⁰ further misunderstanding exists, for we want our relations to be¹³⁰ agreeable to the last detail. Should there be any question, ¹⁴⁰ write us frankly, that nothing may stand in the way ¹⁵⁰ of the building of a firm and lasting business friendship. ¹⁶⁰

Very truly yours, (163—1.53)

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Mr. Leonard J. Matteson 98 North Fourth Street Columbus, Ohio

Dear Sir:

We thank you for your recent order, which¹⁰ is very much appreciated.

As our records do not indicate²⁰ that we have had a previous account with you, we³⁰ are without definite information in regard to your financial affairs.⁴⁰

It will be necessary, of course, for us to make⁵⁰ some inquiries in this connection, and as no one can⁶⁰ give the desired information as well as you, we hope⁷⁰ you will assist us by furnishing a statement on the⁸⁰ enclosed blank form. This will help us grant a credit⁹⁰ line commensurate with your requirements.

In the meantime we shall¹⁰⁰ hold your order; or, if you prefer, we can make¹¹⁰ shipment in this

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instance on a cash basis, allowing you¹²⁰ the benefit of the regular cash discount, amounting to \$3.56.¹³⁰ We can, thereby, leave the question¹⁴⁰ of establishing your line of credit for further consideration, and¹⁵⁰ still give you immediate delivery of the present order.

Your¹⁶⁰ indulgence and assistance will be

appreciated.

Yours very truly, (169-1.53)

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Mr. David H. Knott Penobscot Building Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Have you a client who needs additional capital¹⁰ in his business? Have you a client who wishes to²⁰ purchase outright or purchase an interest in a going concern³⁰ in any line of business in any part of the⁴⁰ United States?

We can without doubt supply the wants of ⁶⁰ any such client, because we are in touch with bona ⁶⁰ fide opportunities of this kind throughout the country

Then, again,⁷⁰ our personal assistance to you in the settlement of estates⁸⁰ and investment of money will be useful.

You will find, 90 too, that we can often be of particular service in 100 your work of liquidating receiverships. Instead of selling under the 110 hammer we may know of a syndicate or individual willing 120 to purchase outright, and the advantages of this will be 130 immediately apparent to you.

In the folder enclosed you will¹⁴⁰ see that the

scope of our organization is very broad.¹⁵⁰ We shall be pleased to supply you with as many¹⁶⁰ of these circulars as you may need.

Yours very truly, 170 (170-1.53)

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Messrs. J. P. Muller & Company 402 Russell Street Charleston, West Virginia

Gentlemen:

We ask your permission to take at this time¹⁰ your order for transfer supplies for your correspondence files.

The²⁰ filing equipment which you use is not a stock equipment³⁰ but one which is designed to take care exactly of⁴⁰ the particular needs of your particular office and business.

The⁵⁰ fact that your equipment is so designed that it will⁶⁰ meet the individual needs of your office, giving you the⁷⁰ highest possible effectiveness in filing equipment, requires individual equipment to⁸⁰ be made up for you to make your transfer properly.⁹⁰

Of the thousands of concerns which we serve, practically all¹⁰⁰ transfer their files on the first of January. In order¹¹⁰ that you may not be inconvenienced in receiving your supplies,¹²⁰ we ask that you grant us the favor of placing¹³⁰ your order now, so that we may prepare your transfer¹⁴⁰ equipment and have it ready for you.

While we do¹⁵⁰ not at all insist that we should be permitted to¹⁶⁰ make immediate shipment of your order, we do recommend that¹⁷⁰ we be instructed to ship not later than November 15.¹⁸⁰

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We appreciate your confidence and assure you of our continued¹⁹⁰ effort to see to it that your filing equipment is²⁰⁰ maintained at the highest point of efficiency.

Very truly yours,210 (210-1.53)

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Mr. Ernest L. Becker 349 Tyndale Avenue Riverdale, New York

My dear Mr. Becker:

On November 20, 1926,¹⁰ we entered in our files a complete copy of²⁰ your eyeglass prescription, of which we have kept a careful³⁰ record.

Medical authorities are agreed that the only way to⁴⁰ protect your eyesight properly is to have your eyes examined⁵⁰ yearly, because of the gradual, definite changes that take place⁶⁰ in your vision as the years go on.

Reading, close⁷⁰ work, the theater and movies, and the general use of ⁸⁰ your eyes in your daily occupation may also have caused ⁹⁰ changes in your eyesight.

These changes in your eyesight condition¹⁰⁰ cause either improvement in vision, requiring lenses of weaker power,¹¹⁰ or indicate the need for lenses of greater or varied¹²⁰ strength—the important thing is to know.

May we suggest, ¹³⁰ Mr. Becker, that you hand your enclosed prescription record to ¹⁴⁰ one of our registered specialists?

He will examine your eyes¹⁵⁰ and advise whether your glasses are giving the complete protection¹⁶⁰ necessary to conserve your eyesight,

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or whether a change in¹⁷⁰ one or both lenses will give you better vision and greater eye comfort. Yours very truly, (186—1.53)

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Mr. George N. Boyd 26 East Mohawk Street Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir:

The Maynard Six is built to last. In¹⁰ these models, as in every other Maynard product, durability is²⁰ a primary quality. Just as, at the present time, there³⁰ are many eight- and ten-year Maynard cars giving satisfactory⁴⁰ service, so we are looking to the Maynard Six to⁵⁰ establish new records for long service.

The Maynard Six will⁶⁰ perform in a satisfying manner over a period equal to⁷⁰ the lifetime of two cars priced at \$1,000⁸⁰ less. This angle alone demonstrates the sound investment in transportation⁹⁰ which the Six represents.

Long life assures low operation costs,¹⁰⁰ minimum maintenance charges, and few replacements, for it necessarily implies¹¹⁰ sturdy construction and lasting parts. It also assures the owner¹²⁰ of uninterrupted use of his car since there is no¹³⁰ annual process of trading in for a new model, with¹⁴⁰ all its attendant delays.

Some 40,000 American motorists have¹⁵⁰ found that ownership of a Maynard Six is justified by¹⁶⁰ good business judgment. We would like very much to take¹⁷⁰ you for a drive in one of these cars in¹⁸⁰ order that you may form for yourself an opinion as¹⁹⁰ to how well the Maynard Six can

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solve your motoring²⁰⁰ problems. May we make arrangements to take you for a²¹⁰ ride in a Maynard Six?

Very truly yours, (218-1.53)

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Mr. Clement C. Hyde 49 Meeting Street

Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

You doubtless have occasion from time to time¹⁰ to recommend depositories for funds to be held under the²⁰ control of executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, etc. We take the³⁰ liberty of calling your attention to our facilities for the⁴⁰ handling of such accounts up to an amount not exceeding⁵⁰ \$5,000 under one control, and the terms upon⁶⁰ which we are pleased to receive them.

Interest dividends at⁷⁰ the rate of 4 per cent, or more, have been⁸⁰ paid for ninety-five years and we see no reason⁹⁰ for a reduction in this rate in the near future;¹⁰⁰ but, obviously, we cannot give definite assurance as to the¹¹⁰ rate of interest dividends that the bank will pay in¹²⁰ the future on such deposits.

Funds deposited on or before¹³⁰ the third business day of each month draw interest from¹⁴⁰ the first of that month if allowed to remain until¹⁵⁰ the end of the quarter. Dividends are credited and compounded¹⁶⁰ the first of January, April, July, and October.

In connection¹⁷⁰ with the opening of such accounts it would be necessary¹⁸⁰ to file only such

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documents as are required by other¹⁹⁰ banks and trust companies.

We trust you will favorably consider²⁰⁰ this bank in the placing of such funds.

Yours very²¹⁰ truly, (211—1.53)

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Mrs. Pauline Goodell 24 South Pine Street Warren, Ohio

Dear Madam:

Frequently you are compelled, by circumstances, to prepare¹⁰ a meal in only a few minutes' time. This is²⁰ always a difficult job. And what to have is always³⁰ the problem.

As you know, the products that can be⁴⁰ purchased at the grocery store, satisfactory products we mean, for⁵⁰ a quick, wholesome, and complete meal are very few indeed.⁶⁰ And the women who are acquainted with these limited products⁷⁰ consider them very helpful friends. Furthermore, they always keep a⁸⁰ generous supply of these products on hand for emergency purposes.⁹⁰

Judging from our experience, we believe that of the few¹⁰⁰ limited products that are satisfactory for quick service, Food-Nut¹¹⁰ prepared spaghetti surmounts them all. It is the ideal, practical,¹²⁰ wholesome food that gives the *complete* meal. If you haven't¹³⁰ tried this appetizing, delicious, and handy food product, we request¹⁴⁰ that you do so at once. And if you approve¹⁵⁰ of the thought that is behind this excellent product—the¹⁶⁰ quick-service thought—we know that you will consider

it¹⁷⁰ advisable always to keep a number of cans of Food-Nut¹⁸⁰ prepared spaghetti on hand.

We are writing you this personal¹⁹⁰ letter at the request of your grocer, Mr. F. H.²⁰⁰ Gibson. These progressive merchants are stocking and selling Food-Nut²¹⁰ prepared spaghetti so you can secure your requirements from them.²²⁰

You may be sure that if we didn't have such²³⁰ great confidence in Food-Nut prepared spaghetti we would not²⁴⁰ risk the Food-Nut quality reputation by sending you this²⁵⁰ personal recommendation.

Yours very truly, (255-1.53)

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Mr. Thomas F. Clark 645 Congress Street Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mr. Clark:

I have tried a number of 10 times to get in touch with you regarding closing dates 20 of the Darrow Clearing House, but have been unsuccessful, inasmuch 30 as you have been out of town every time I 40 called. I sincerely hope that you have had an opportunity 50 to consider the information I gave you about the Darrow 60 Clearing House and that your reactions were favorable to its 70 use as a medium for your advertising.

The December issue⁸⁰ closes the 25th of October and is in circulation⁹⁰ around the 28th of November. Won't you let me¹⁰⁰ know whether you think you can use that issue of 110 the publication?

Yours very truly, (115-1.54)

Mr. H. H. Charles

525 Pear Street

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Sir:

It is certainly encouraging to learn from you¹⁰ that, from every direction, evidence of renewed confidence in better²⁰ business conditions is being obtained.

Our own business is improving³⁰ quite a little, and we feel, as you do, that⁴⁰ the fall is going to show a considerable improvement.

However,⁵⁰ I will let you know on Monday, August 11, if⁶⁰ we can start advertising again for October.

If you do 70 not hear from me you will know we have been 80 unable to arrange this.

Yours very truly, (87—1.54)

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Mr. William A. Sturgis

518 Roanoke Street

Roanoke, Virginia

My dear Mr. Sturgis:

Your letter of October 16 is 10 received. I have been over the situation again with Mr. 20 Masters, our advertising agent. It is not developing quite as 30 we anticipated, and, as a result, I am going to 40 ask you to defer once more, if you will, our 50 entering your publication.

I shall let you have my copy⁶⁰ about the first of November, which will catch the January⁷⁰ issue. In the meantime I shall try to thrash the⁸⁰

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matter out very completely with Mr. Masters and see if 90 we cannot get on a basis of perhaps continuous use 100 of publications of your type.

Yours truly, (107-1.54)

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Mr. C. A. Lovett

109 St. Joseph Street Mobile, Alabama

Dear Sir:

May I take this opportunity of presenting to¹⁰ you, with our compliments, a copy of a recent publication,²⁰ "How to Sell," by Mr. Boles, a member of our³⁰ staff.

For some time, Henderson & Company along with other⁴⁰ manufacturers and merchants, has been aware of the fact that⁵⁰ there are a great many improvements possible in selling, by⁶⁰ more specific instruction of salespeople.

This little book contains concise⁷⁰ information on how to sell sporting goods, of which there⁸⁰ is quite a lack of specific information. It really does⁹⁰ more than this; it treats of the method of approaching¹⁰⁰ and handling customers; human nature in selling; and, in short,¹¹⁰ I believe it will be interesting to the merchant himself,¹²⁰ as it applies not only to selling our product, but¹³⁰ to anything that might be sold by a storekeeper.

We¹⁴⁰ realize that every merchant, in the running of his store,¹⁵⁰ is obliged to delegate the responsibility of selling to his¹⁶⁰ salespeople. In presenting this booklet, we offer the opportunity for¹⁷⁰ specific instruction to such salespeople.

We issue this book to 180 those who ask for it,

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with the belief that if¹⁹⁰ it is used by such salespeople they will become more²⁰⁰ productive to themselves and their firm because of having read²¹⁰ it.

Yours very truly, (214—1.54)

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Mr. Charles Young
419 Grand Street
Newburgh, New York

Dear Sir:

Have you yet planned your activities for the¹⁰ coming winter?

Winter cruising to the warmer countries offers an²⁰ experience impossible to gain otherwise. Leaving New York in January,³⁰ Southern waters are entered at once, and from then on⁴⁰ the various lands are reached at their most attractive seasons,⁵⁰ The great gateway ports and the principal cities are entered⁶⁰ for leisurely visits during their colorful gala times.

As the ⁷⁰ enclosed folder shows, the itineraries of both of our winter ⁸⁰ cruises have been greatly extended. The accommodations of each, as ⁹⁰ always, have been arranged to afford fullest individual comfort, freedom, ¹⁰⁰ and enjoyment for every voyager. Every resource of our organization ¹¹⁰ has been called upon to make this possible and, frankly, ¹²⁰ we do not believe that any cruise has ever offered ¹³⁰ so much in every way as do these. To maintain ¹⁴⁰ their distinctive character we have limited the guest lists of ¹⁵⁰ both.

It has been our experience that most of the members of these cruises make their arrangements

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well in advance.¹⁷⁰ May we send you, by mail, full information? No obligation¹⁸⁰ is involved, but if the thought has been in your¹⁹⁰ mind, our booklets will help you plan a most delightful²⁰⁰ winter that will leave memories to be dwelt upon with²¹⁰ pleasure. A card is enclosed for your convenience.

Yours truly,²²⁰ (220—1.54)

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Mr. Charles L. Martens 114 Decatur Street New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

It is unfortunate that you did not find¹⁰ it convenient to see a demonstration when Mr. Burns called²⁰ to see you early this week. The Speakograph system of³⁰ interior telephones represents a service that has to do with⁴⁰ a vital problem in your organization—it is worth knowing.⁵⁰

If you are interested in getting more productive business hours⁶⁰ at no increase in your business month, or in intensifying,⁷⁰ and at the same time simplifying, your service to your⁸⁰ clients, we would like to show you what we have⁹⁰ done for others.

The enclosed booklet may serve to throw 100 some interesting light upon your own problem. In it, briefly, 110 you will find a measure of our story.

But there¹²⁰ is really no satisfactory method of presenting the Speakograph system¹³⁰ in its true value to you without an actual demonstration.¹⁴⁰

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For an adequate understanding and appreciation of what Speakograph can¹⁵⁰ do for you, you need to see one of our¹⁶⁰ demonstration systems in operation on your desk.

We do not¹⁷⁰ consider Speakograph a "cureall"—we would not presume to¹⁸⁰ claim that we know more about your business than you¹⁹⁰ do—but we *do* have a common-sense product and²⁰⁰ a specialized knowledge of intercommunication problems that can be turned²¹⁰ to your advantage.

The facilities of this office—backed by²²⁰ twenty years' experience in this territory—are at the other²³⁰ end of your telephone.

Yours very truly, (237—1.54)

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Mr. Henry B. Potter
231 South Hill Street
Los Angeles, California
My dear Mr. Potter:

When we were talking about you¹⁰ in the office this morning a file covering your past-²⁰due account, amounting to \$74, was submitted to³⁰ me.

The credit department recommends that it be sent to⁴⁰ our attorneys for collection. You can hardly blame them, as⁵⁰ there has been no response to their request for payment.⁶⁰

I really believe, however, that the delay has been due⁷⁰ to an oversight and that you will take care of⁸⁰ the account at once; therefore I have decided to write⁹⁰ you personally before authorizing drastic collection measures.

You will, I¹⁰⁰ hope, answer promptly, so I am arranging to hold the¹¹⁰ matter open a few days.

Please don't fail me, as¹²⁰ I have personally assumed the responsibility of collecting your account.¹³⁰

Yours very truly, (133—1.54)

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Mr. E. H. Raymond 1295 Ocean Avenue Brooklyn, New York

My dear Mr. Raymond:

The committee appointed at the adjourned¹⁰ special meeting of the Community Corporation to raise the sum²⁰ of \$5,000 by subscriptions to the capital stock³⁰ have succeeded in obtaining pledges of stock to the amount⁴⁰ of \$5,000 by and with the aid of⁵⁰ the business men of our particular section, and the latter⁶⁰ have promised to aid the committee in writing stock until⁷⁰ the indebtedness of the property is entirely paid off.

To⁸⁰ do this, however, will require an increase in the capital⁹⁰ stock of \$25,000, or, in other words,¹⁰⁰ making the capital stock of the corporation \$75,000,¹¹⁰ instead of \$50,000 as at present. This¹²⁰ should be done, as the capital stock of the corporation¹³⁰ is not sufficient to carry on this project. Will you¹⁴⁰ please, therefore, sign and return at once in the enclosed consent to increase stamped envelope the enclosed consent to increase the¹⁶⁰ capital stock. Signing this consent does not obligate you in¹⁷⁰ any way, but it will enable the directors to go¹⁸⁰ forward and get the property out of debt. Without these¹⁹⁰ consents you stand to lose the property and what you²⁰⁰ have put into it, so sign and return this consent²¹⁰ imme-

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idately, before the matter goes out of your mind.

Please²²⁰ attend the meeting of the stockholders to be held Monday²³⁰ evening, December 6, 1926, at 8.30.²⁴⁰ Your committee has met with the most favorable response to²⁵⁰ its appeal; the business men are now back of us²⁶⁰ and we feel assured of success. The committee has a²⁷⁰ pleasant surprise in store for you and a report to²⁸⁰ make which will greatly please you. Do not fail to²⁹⁰ attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours, (295-1.54)

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Mrs. Kathryn M. Egan 224 Morris Avenue Elizabeth, New Jersey

Dear Madam:

On Wednesday, June 10, and Thursday, June 11,¹⁰ we shall hold a private sale of women's Paris gowns,²⁰ just unpacked from their Paris boxes. You are cordially invited³⁰ to attend.

The event is unusual, for these gowns are⁴⁰ absolutely new, and in many cases made to sell at⁵⁰ two or three times the price at which a fortunate⁶⁰ purchase enables us to mark them.

The collection includes all⁷⁰ the smart fashions of the season. The fabrics are the⁸⁰ finest and the workmanship is typically Parisian, exquisite in every⁹⁰ detail.

Please consider this as a personal invitation, and present¹⁰⁰ this letter in the Women's Gown Shop, fourth floor.

The¹¹⁰ collection is limited, so early selections mean first choice.

Very¹²⁰ truly yours, (122-1.54)

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Mr. Hartley Davis
1050 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Davis:

I purposely refrained from answering your¹⁰ letter of September 8 because I knew I was going²⁰ to be in Boston very shortly thereafter and would have³⁰ the opportunity of talking to you about the *Darrow Clearing*⁴⁰ *House*. When I was there I endeavored to locate your⁵⁰ office but was unsuccessful.

I am attaching a sample copy⁶⁰ of the Darrow Clearing House together with a rate card.⁷⁰ The Darrow Clearing House has a circulation of approximately⁸⁰ 52,000. It is the only publication in the bank⁹⁰ field which goes to a senior officer in every bank¹⁰⁰ in the United States and Canada. It affords, because of ¹¹⁰ its low rate and large circulation, the most economical means¹²⁰ of telling the banker of your proposition.

I want you¹³⁰ to feel free to call upon me for any further¹⁴⁰ information or data that you may need in regard to¹⁵⁰ this publication and I sincerely hope that you will see¹⁶⁰ your way clear to advertising in its columns.

Yours very¹⁷⁰ truly, (171—1.54)

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Mr. Harry B. Center 161 Harrison Street Trenton, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

We appreciate the order you gave our repre-

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sentative,¹⁰ Mr. Peters. You apparently are finding Harkers ready sellers, and²⁰ we are very glad to see this, for it indicates³⁰ to us that you are aggressively pushing the line and⁴⁰ are using the year-round advertising.

Naturally, we want to⁵⁰ help you in every way possible to get the most⁶⁰ out of your Harker investment, and the more orders you⁷⁰ send us the better we like it.

You received a⁸⁰ liberal dating on the invoice of January 15. This dating⁹⁰ specifically states, however, "If additional orders are placed in excess¹⁰⁰ of 10 per cent of the amount of this invoice,¹¹⁰ they will not be shipped until the amount of this¹²⁰ invoice has been paid."

Send us a good substantial check¹³⁰ now to apply on the \$78 balance of 140 your account, and your order will receive further consideration. If 150 you care to, simply attach your check to this letter 160 and return it to us.

Yours very truly, (169—1.54)

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Mr. John D. Monroe 464 Drake Street Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much, not only for your 10 reply to my recent letter, but also for the order 20 that you were good enough to send.

We appreciate your³⁰ consideration, and, as previously stated, want to do business with⁴⁰ you regularly.

Very truly yours, (45—1.55)

Messrs. James A. Barr & Company 3600 South Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

I am writing to express our pleasure in adding¹⁰ your name to our list of customers. We really do²⁰ appreciate the consideration that you have been good enough to³⁰ extend. Our intention is to serve you in a manner⁴⁰ that will completely satisfy and to take care of your⁵⁰ interests in every way that we can.

We trust that⁶⁰ your initial order is but the beginning of continued business⁷⁰ relations.

Very truly yours, (74-1.55)

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Mr. S. M. Hall, President
Capital Business College
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Hall:

Because I believe you are interested¹⁰ in scientific investigations in the field of commercial education, I²⁰ am sending you a copy of the program of the³⁰ Research Conference on Commercial Education which we are going to⁴⁰ hold at Iowa City on Friday and Saturday, March 19⁵⁰ and 20.

You may be surprised at the list⁶⁰ of speakers who will take part. I believe they represent⁷⁰ the newest movements in commercial education and that no teacher⁸⁰ who wants to keep in touch with developments in our⁹⁰ field can afford not to

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20 6. C 201 O 3. C V. 201 O 3. be present at this, the 100 first of our annual research conferences.

Yours very truly, (109—1.55)

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Mr. Wilson F. Randolphe 35 Main Street Mystic, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

We are sorry to learn from your letter¹⁰ of July 14 that you did not receive the copy²⁰ of the Adirondacks booklet sent you.

We are mailing you³⁰ another copy and hope that you have not been inconvenienced⁴⁰ by the delay.

If we can be of any service⁵⁰ in supplying you with information concerning our trains, especially in⁶⁰ securing Pullman, accommodations, we shall be pleased to hear from⁷⁰ you again.

Yours very truly, (75—1.55)

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Central Audit Company 226 Bank Street Norfolk, Virginia

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Gentlemen:

We are very glad that you called our attention¹⁰ to the matter mentioned in your letter of November 15.²⁰ An investigation has been made of the charges referred to,³⁰ and we find that, besides the labor involved, we were⁴⁰ obliged to supply certain parts that were necessary when repairing⁵⁰ the machine. In view of your dissatis-

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faction, however, we are⁶⁰ writing to our home office asking permission to cancel the⁷⁰ labor charge of \$1.25.

We regret⁸⁰ that the circumstances will not allow us to cancel the⁹⁰ charge for parts, which amounts to 90 cents.

Very truly 100 yours, (101-1.55)

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The Globe Publishing Company 236 Prairie Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

I have read with a great deal of interest¹⁰ the copy of "Business English" which you recently sent me.²⁰

The authors certainly struck the keynote when they endeavored to³⁶ put into this volume the elements of actual business transactions.⁴⁰ Of all the books on business correspondence which have come⁵⁰ to my attention, this is the only one in which⁶⁰ an attempt has been made to surround the student with⁷⁰ the atmosphere of a real business office.

The whole field⁸⁰ of business correspondence is so thoroughly covered and generously illustrated⁹⁰ that the student cannot but feel that he is gaining¹⁰⁰ the same practical experience which would be afforded him were¹¹⁰ he occupying a desk in the correspondence department of one¹²⁰ of our large business concerns.

This volume should not only¹³⁰ prove a welcome addition to the textbooks in use in¹⁴⁰ our schools and universities, but will fill a long-

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felt¹⁵⁰ want among those progressive business concerns that have found it¹⁶⁰ profitable to provide their employees with libraries covering the range¹⁷⁰ of their operation.

Yours very truly, (176—1.55)

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Mr. Theodore Albright
145 Prospect Street
Jersey City, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

We are glad to enclose a folder, on¹⁰ pages 3 - to 6 of which are outlined six specimen²⁰ routes that may be followed on the Delhi Valley Circle³⁰ Tour.

Our Circle Tour gives you not only a trip⁴⁰ to Niagara Falls and Toronto, but also a wonderful steamer⁵⁰ journey across Lake Ontario, through the Thousand Islands, and down⁶⁰ the St. Lawrence River (with its beautiful vistas and thrilling⁷⁰ rapids) to Montreal. From there you can go to Quebec⁸⁰ if desired.

This much a remarkable tour by itself,⁹⁰ but your return journey is hardly less interesting. It may¹⁰⁰ be made through Lake Champlain and Lake George, Saratoga Springs,¹¹⁰ and the Hudson River, or to Portland, through the White¹²⁰ Mountains, thence to Boston and New York.

When you have¹³⁰ selected the route which you prefer, you will find an¹⁴⁰ outline of the train and steamer schedules in the attached¹⁵⁰ Itinerary Suggestions.

Stop-overs are permitted at all points en¹⁶⁰ route—final return limit October 31. The trip

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may¹⁷⁰ be made in a few days, or extended to several180 weeks, depending on the amount of time spent at various190 points en route.

Additional information, reservations, etc., may be had200 at any Consolidated Ticket Office, Hudson Terminal Ticket Office, our²¹⁰ representative, Mr. J. F. Andrus, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Room²²⁰ 500, 100 West 42d Street, or from²³⁰ the undersigned.

Yours truly, (234—1.55)

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Mr. I. R. Adams

125 Congress Street

Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request we are glad10 to mail you under separate cover a copy of our²⁰ descriptive booklet, a folder showing train service via the Coastwise³⁰ Air Line Railway, also information as to fares and sleeping-40car charges from New York, New York, to a few50 of the most prominent points on or reached via the 60 Coastwise Air Line Railway.

When decision has been reached as⁷⁰ to destination, the date, the train you desire to use,80 and sleeping-car space desired, any further information may be90 secured by calling at this office, at the Pennsylvania Station, 100 or at any of the Consolidated Ticket Offices, at which 110 time the necessary sleeping-car reservations may be made.

Very¹²⁰ truly yours, (122—1.55)



Mr. William H. Taylor 95 Hancock Street

Everett, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I have today discussed with Mr. Jones¹⁰ the possibility of fitting you into our organization somewhere, and²⁰ have made a rather thorough job of it, because I³⁰ feel that we ought to give you a definite statement⁴⁰ at this time and not encourage you to keep on⁵⁰ working along as you are in the expectation of having⁶⁰ something develop.

We went over the situation quite thoroughly, not⁷⁰ only as it exists at present, but also tried to⁸⁰ look forward into the future, and I regret to inform⁹⁰ you that we have nothing available now to offer you,¹⁰⁰ nor does it seem probable that there will be anything¹¹⁰ in the near future. For that reason I recommend that¹²⁰ you make your own plans for the future without taking¹³⁰ into consideration the possibility of joining our company.

Yours very¹⁴⁰ truly, (141-1.55)

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High School of Commerce

Yonkers, New York

Gentlemen:

If you are familiar with the policy of this 10 company you know, of course, that we have always "gone 20 the limit" in cooperating with institutions that teach typewriting. This 30 season

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is no exception and, for a limited time, we⁴⁰ are going to offer you an unusually attractive opportunity to⁵⁰ save money.

Now that the Universal Company has entered the⁶⁰ national advertising field in a big way, such an opportunity⁷⁰ means more to you than ever before. As a result⁸⁰ of our advertising, the need for Universal operators everywhere is⁹⁰ growing by leaps and bounds, and it is to your¹⁰⁰ interest as well as ours to see that more beginners¹¹⁰ are trained on the Universal every year to take care¹²⁰ of this rapidly increasing demand.

So far as the typewriter¹³⁰ itself is concerned, we don't believe it necessary to go¹⁴⁰ into detail here. Every year appreciation of the merits of¹⁵⁰ the Universal becomes more general. Every year more and more¹⁶⁰ of the larger business concerns are installing the Universal, many¹⁷⁰ "standardizing" on it exclusively.

Of course, you will want to¹⁸⁰ take advantage of the liberal concessions we offer for the¹⁹⁰ season. May we suggest that you look over your typewriter²⁰⁰ equipment now and see what replacements and additions will be²¹⁰ needed at this time? Then write us your requirements in²²⁰ detail and we will work out a special offer that²³⁰ we know will prove most attractive to you.

Yours truly,²⁴⁰ (240—1.55)

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Messrs. Frank B. Graves Company 314 Monadnock Block Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Unfortunately we were compelled to delay

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the shipment of 10 the balance of your order, referred to in your letter 20 of September 17. This was due to our inability to 30 obtain material to meet our manufacturing schedules. This unusual situation 40 has now been cleared up, and we shall make your 50 shipment in one week by express, marked "Rush."

We hope⁶⁰ that your inconvenience has not been too great on account⁷⁰ of this delay. Further orders will be filled promptly, we⁸⁰ assure you.

Very truly yours, (85—1.56)

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Mr. Harold O. Walker 284 East Grand Avenue Quincy, Illinois

Dear Sir:

You are no doubt pleased with President Coolidge's¹⁰ action regarding the tax bill, not only because of the²⁰ good that it may do business generally, but because of³⁰ the added funds made available to you personally.

May we⁴⁰ suggest that a portion of the savings which accrued to⁵⁰ you on June 15 be invested where it will give⁶⁰ you the most personal satisfaction—in radio.

We have developed⁷⁰ a plan by which your purchase of a radio at⁸⁰ this time can be arranged, if desirable, in relation to⁹⁰ the tax savings made possible.

We would like very much¹⁰⁰ to enlarge upon this suggestion personally. An appointment for this¹¹⁰ purpose would be appreciated.

Very truly yours, (117-1.56)

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Messrs. Fitzgerald Brothers 257 Queens Street Ottawa, Ontario

Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for the draft of \$375 enclosed in your letter of June²⁰ 30. Your thoughtfulness in providing a draft instead of check, 30 as suggested, is recognized and appreciated as still another evidence 40 of that fine courtesy which has marked the dealings of 50 all firms in your country with whom we have done 60 business.

It is a matter of sincere regret to us⁷⁰ that you should have found it necessary to discontinue our⁸⁰ line. We hope that at some time it may be⁹⁰ possible for us again to become associated under such conditions¹⁰⁰ as to render your handling of our products a source¹¹⁰ of profit and satisfaction.

Please accept our kind wishes.
Yours¹²⁰ very truly, (122—1.56)

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Mr. A. H. Fulton 190 Flushing Street Clinton, New York

Dear Sir:

If you are planning a trip to Europe¹⁰ this year you will doubtless be interested in knowing more²⁰ about the splendid passenger service being operated for the Government³⁰ by the United States Lines.

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Your vessels—for they are⁴⁰ yours—are among the finest in the world, and include⁵⁰ the mighty" Leviathan," the greatest ship man has yet been⁶⁰ able to produce. The six liners comprising the United States⁷⁰ Lines' fleet sail from New York on regular schedule for⁸⁰ United Kingdom and Continental European ports. They are fitted with⁹⁰ every device for the comfort and safety of the passenger¹⁰⁰ and the cuisine and service are unexcelled.

Investigate your own¹¹⁰ ships first! By merely mailing the enclosed card, which requires¹²⁰ no postage, you will be furnished descriptive literature, including sailing¹³⁰ schedule and rate sheets.

Very truly yours, (137—1.56)

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Mr. C. E. Hustis

Leonia, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

The building at Nineteenth Street and Sixth Avenue, 10 which we have occupied for nearly thirty years, has been 20 sold. We must vacate within a few weeks.

This makes³⁰ necessary an immediate clearance sale. Beginning Wednesday, July 29,⁴⁰ our entire Sixth Avenue stock will be sold at prices⁵⁰ that will make this a rare opportunity 'o supply the⁶⁰ present and future needs of the entire family.

All sales⁷⁰ must be final. We cannot exchange, send on approval, nor⁸⁰ make refunds.

You know the quality of Andrew Anderson

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shoes.⁹⁰ For nearly seventy years this name has stood for fair¹⁰⁰ dealing, a policy established by Andrew Anderson in 1857¹¹⁰ and steadfastly maintained by the organization and the¹²⁰ members of his family, who still own the business.

Our¹³⁰ uptown shop at 542 Fifth Avenue will continue¹⁴⁰ to be the headquarters for fine footwear and service of¹⁵⁰ the Andrew Anderson standard.

Yours very truly, (157—1.56)

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Mr. William H. Woodin 42 Summer Street

Plymouth, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

The booklets you requested describing Perfect boilers and ¹⁰ Ideal radiators are being sent, under separate cover.

These booklets²⁰ tell about ideal outfits for an ordinary-sized house, and³⁰ will give you a very good idea of the splendid⁴⁰ service to be expected from our outfits, in cozy warmth,⁵⁰ saving of fuel, and lessened caretaking.

In addition to the ⁶⁰ Perfect boilers shown, we make other boilers for any size ⁷⁰ of building, and for any fuel—coal, oil, or gas ⁸⁰—so that if your requirements demand a different type and ⁹⁰ size of boiler, they can be filled to your entire ¹⁰⁰ satisfaction by the use of our product.

Our outfits are¹¹⁰ put in by all reliable heating contractors and plumbers. We¹²⁰ have no exclusive agents. You can get further information regarding¹³⁰ Perfect boilers and Ideal radiators,

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also answers to any detailed¹⁴⁰ questions you desire to ask, including cost of installation, from¹⁵⁰ any heating merchant in your vicinity. If you request us¹⁶⁰ to do so, we shall gladly ask a dealer to¹⁷⁰ see you and submit desired advice, without obligating you to¹⁸⁰ buy.

We assure you we are pleased to be of 190 service, and place ourselves at your command at any time. 200

Very truly yours, (203-1.56)

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Mr. H. R. Eaton

138 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

A year ago last November this company distributed¹⁰ to many thousands of corporations the first edition of the²⁰ enclosed pamphlet.

On the request of many lawyers a second³⁰ edition has now been published and is today being mailed⁴⁰ to a still larger list of corporations. Attorneys have stated⁵⁰ to us that this pamphlet has been of more help⁶⁰ to them in arousing their clients' interest in this important⁷⁰ legal question than any other measure ever taken. We are⁸⁰ glad, therefore, to extend our efforts on behalf of the⁹⁰ legal profession.

Attorneys will find a further assistance in our 100 new edition of "What Constitutes Doing Business." This pamphlet (which 110 is for attorneys only and is not distributed among laymen) 120 cites the leading court decisions in the various states on 130 the question of what is held in each

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state to¹⁴⁰ be doing business such as to require qualification. You will¹⁵⁰ find it of material assistance in advising your clients when¹⁶⁰ this question is brought up. A copy will gladly be¹⁷⁰ sent you free upon request—merely sign and return the¹⁸⁰ enclosed card.

Additional copies of the enclosed pamphlet, "When Doing¹⁹⁰ Business Is Illegal" (which is intended for the layman's information),²⁰⁰ will be sent you without cost, or we will mail²¹⁰ copies for you to any business firms you think should²²⁰ be interested.

Yours very truly, (225—1.56)

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Mr. Edward F. Field
23 South Gordon Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

If an experience of over forty years in 10 the handling of investments has impressed upon us any one 20 fact more than another, it is that in the long 30 run and in the great majority of cases conservatism is 40 more profitable than speculation. We attribute the steady increase in 50 the volume of our business very largely to the increasing 60 recognition among investors of the fact that risking one's principal 70 is a very high price to pay for a small 80 difference in anticipated income.

High-grade investment bonds of unquestioned safety are today selling at prices which yield a high to return. Such bonds, in which the funds of banks and in insurance companies are largely invested, can be purchased today to 120

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yield from $4\frac{1}{2}$ to over 6 per¹³⁰ cent. The investor who purchases now will continue to receive¹⁴⁰ this yield until the bonds are paid at maturity, ten, ¹⁵⁰ twenty, thirty, or forty years hence.

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We are prepared to 160 submit at all times carefully selected lists of securities suitable 170 for investors' requirements and to consult at any time with 180 prospective investors without any obligation on their part. We should 190 be glad to number you among our customers.

If you²⁰⁰ will so indicate we shall, without any obligation, be glad²¹⁰ to place your name upon our mailing lists to receive²²⁰ our monthly investment recommendations.

Very truly yours, (227—1.56)

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Mr. Roswell J. Hasbrouck 238 Elliott Street Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir:

You probably know about the Empire Life Insurance¹⁰ Company and the method it employs in the transaction of²⁰ its business. It appoints no agents, and has no representatives³⁰ anywhere. Its business is done direct through the mails. It⁴⁰ has policyholders in every state of the Union and in⁵⁰ every province of Canada, and some in foreign lands. It⁶⁰ issues every form of standard insurance approved by the Insurance⁷⁰ Department of the State of New York.

May we invite⁸⁰ you to consider one of our policies? Accompanying this letter⁹⁰ you will find a request for a policy on approval, which¹⁰⁰

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when signed and forwarded to us is the first step¹¹⁰ to be taken by our method. The simplicity of the¹²⁰ plan we have evolved, whereby the individual may insure himself,¹³⁰ without the expensive intervention of a middleman, is shown in¹⁴⁰ the pages enclosed. We hope you will take the time¹⁵⁰ to read them.

Insurance policies have become in many families¹⁶⁰ as staple articles of the home as the food supplies.¹⁷⁰ We too often partake of our foods without a thorough¹⁸⁰ appreciation of their value. Too often insurance policies are tucked¹⁹⁰ away and quite forgotten. Too often, also, those earnest resolutions²⁰⁰ to add to one's insurance fail of their purpose.

We²¹⁰ hope the story on pages 2 and 3 will prompt²²⁰ you to complete the steps for a policy in this²³⁰ company.

Yours very truly, (234—1.56)

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Mr. Wade H. Griffin
1229 Portland Avenue
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

Please accept my personal thanks for the new¹⁰ checking account which you were good enough to open with²⁰ us today. I speak for the whole institution in saying³⁰ that we appreciate your business and anticipate long, close, and⁴⁰ mutually satisfactory relations with you.

As you probably know, we⁵⁰ operate under one of the oldest trust company charters in⁶⁰ the state, and have made a gratifying record as

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executor⁷⁰ and trustee under wills, as trustee under special funds created⁸⁰ by living customers for themselves and others, as financial agent,⁹⁰ and in all other trust capacities.

We also have a¹⁰⁰ savings department and a department for certificates of deposit, where¹¹⁰ we pay 4 per cent interest.

Our safe deposit department¹²⁰ has a private safe in its vaults ready for your¹³⁰ use whenever you desire to rent one, and you will¹⁴⁰ find the coupon room service in this department highly efficient.¹⁵⁰

Our real estate department is equally well equipped to handle¹⁶⁰ any transactions in its line.

We feel that as a¹⁷⁰ checking depositor of ours you are entitled to the best¹⁸⁰ service which can be rendered you by every department of¹⁹⁰ the institution.

We hope that you will consult us freely²⁰⁰ and frequently, and on our part we will try to²¹⁰ see that your relations here are so pleasant that you²²⁰ will not only be satisfied but pleased—pleased enough to²³⁰ recommend us to your friends as occasion arises.

We thank²⁴⁰ you again for your account. Yours very truly, (248—1.56)

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Mr. Allan Harris

135 Butter Exchange

Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Sir:

We are glad to have your request for our booklet, "California, Where Life is Better," and

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send it²⁰ to you with pleasure. After reading it we invite you³⁰ to write us, if you wish, as to the sort⁴⁰ of opportunity in which you are particularly interested and the50 general conditions under which you could consider coming to California.60 We will tell you frankly what the prospects are in 70 your field here, and endeavor to put you in

touch80 with definite openings.

There is room here for you and 90 other capable men and women seeking larger opportunity. We have 100 only four million people in California, and our immense state¹¹⁰ could support in prosperity fully five times the average. Our¹²⁰ farmers are the richest in the country. All business is 130 good. Labor here is well paid in every line and140 the spending capacity of our people is greater than in150 any other state of equal population. Our markets are the 160 most rapidly expanding in the world; there is unlimited opportunity 170 for the man with something worth while to make or180 sell. We are developing our natural resources and industries on 190 a huge scale. Our cities and towns are growing rapidly;200 they offer unequaled opportunity to the small merchant and professional²¹⁰ man. We have a million acres of irrigated land, the220 richest in the world, capable of producing anything, ready for²³⁰ settlers at fair prices and on long-term payments.

California²⁴⁰ is a wonderfully beautiful place in which to visit, work, 250 or live. We live between Nature's two sanitariums, the mountains²⁶⁰ and the ocean, and enjoy, the year round, the sweetest²⁷⁰ and most healthful of climates. Flowers bloom in our gardens280 every day; we motor and

play outdoors the year round.290

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Make the acquaintance of California this summer if you can.³⁰⁰ Low rates on the railroads are at your disposal. You³¹⁰ will never regret the trip, especially if you make San³²⁰ Francisco your objective. San Francisco is the most picturesque, fascinating,³³⁰ and cosmopolitan city in America, and in the great Central³⁴⁰ Valley contiguous to it lie California's finest opportunities.

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Before you³⁵⁰ come and when you come, call upon us freely for³⁶⁰ advice and information. It is our duty and pleasure to³⁷⁰ help you.

Yours truly, (374—1.56)

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Subject: Concerning Sterling Silverware and Wholesale Discount

Mr. Walter L. Drummond 25 South Third Avenue

Mt. Vernon, New York

Dear Sir:

Things¹⁰ of beauty in your daily life add immeasurably to your²⁰ joy and happiness, and nothing gives such lasting delight and³⁰ satisfaction as beautiful sterling silverware, either as a gift or⁴⁰ for your home.

Fine solid silver bespeaks to your friends⁵⁰ good taste and refinement, and radiates cheerfulness and good hospitality.⁶⁰ For centuries it has been one of man's most treasured⁷⁰ possessions and a recognized symbol of prestige.

We are pleased⁸⁰ to announce that, by special arrangement with our factories, we⁹⁰ are offering a 50 per cent wholesale discount. All prices,¹⁰⁰

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marked in plain figures in our display cases, are quoted¹¹⁰ in retail figures, the genuine wholesale prices being 50 per¹²⁰ cent off.

During the past year hundreds of buyers have 130 inspected our line and have declared this offer quite a140 privilege. Purchases were made ranging from \$2 to \$200.150 We have received many repeat orders resulting from 160 the wonderful values on display. As this was only an 170 experiment with the first thousand who received our discount cards, 180 we would appreciate the opportunity of presenting our line to 190 you for your consideration, to inspect and be convinced. It 200 includes many new articles of interest, appropriate gifts for all 210 occasions, of exclusive design, high-grade workmanship, and unexcelled finish. 220

Upon presentation of the enclosed discount card made out in²³⁰ your name, you are entitled to our wholesale prices. Terms²⁴⁰ on cash basis, no charge accounts opened, and extra charge²⁵⁰ (at actual cost) for engraving and delivery.

Yours truly, (259-1.56)

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Messrs. W. C. Langley & Company 1220 Fulton Street Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

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Let this company reprint by the planograph method copies¹⁰ of tariffs, forms, or charts that have become exhausted. We²⁰ can reprint copies that are identical with the original, as³⁰ our process is a photographic one.

() f of e o This method is especially⁴⁰ economical for reprinting small runs of a few hundred copies,⁵⁰ or for tabulated matter that is expensive to set in⁶⁰ type.

Some of the largest railroad companies are using our⁷⁰ service for all their reprint work, and we would be⁸⁰ pleased to number you among our satisfied customers.

A trial⁹⁰ order will receive our prompt and careful attention. You will¹⁰⁰ be surprised at the saving that can be effected by¹¹⁰ the use of our process.

Very truly yours, (118—1.57)

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Mr. George A. McDonald 303 Barrera Street San Antonio, Texas

Dear Sir:

We take pleasure in enclosing, in accordance with¹⁰ your request of July 15, a circular descriptive of our²⁰ 5½ per cent Gold Mortgage Bonds, Series³⁰ 11, together with a booklet, "A Uniform Standard Investment."

You⁴⁰ will note that these bonds are secured by mortgages which⁵⁰ average about 42 per cent of the actual value⁶⁰ of the properties securing them. These mortgages are made in⁷⁰ prosperous and growing cities of the South and West. The⁸⁰ bonds are also guaranteed as to principal and interest by⁹⁰ the entire capital, surplus, and profits of this company, amounting¹⁰⁰ to \$2,000,-000.

We thank you for your inquiry,110 and hope

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to receive an order from you for some 120 of these bonds.

Yours very truly, (126-1.57)

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Mr. Ernest D. Cobb 265 Center Avenue

New Rochelle, New York

Dear Sir:

How often have you asked yourself this question:10 "Can I invest \$250, \$500,20 or \$1,000, and be assured of a safe³⁰ and permanent income of 15 to 20 per cent?"

The40 Civic Discount Corporation can show you this dividend by investment⁵⁰ in a real estate corporation. We have a number of 60 investments that will show you a return of 15 to 70 20 per cent per annum.

Remember the stockholders are limited 80 in number in each piece of property. In other words, 90 a piece of property with an equity of \$20,000100 would have a limited number of stockholders up to110 forty, with an average investment of \$500.

You¹²⁰ become an individual stockholder in an individual corporation founded on 130 sound real estate investment. Your investment is safe because it140 is founded on real estate and backed by real estate.150

Now what advantage has this investment over the ordinary real¹⁶⁰ estate investment? Just this—you can invest a small amount 170 and get the same returns in proportion as the large180 real estate investors.

If you are interested, please fill in¹⁹⁰ the enclosed card and mail to us and we shall²⁰⁰ be pleased to give you further details.

Yours very truly,210 (210-1.57)

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Mr. H. S. Lockwood 315 South Logan Street Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

Mr. W. F. Spillman is our salesman who¹⁰ covers the territory in which you are located. He and²⁰ we at the plant are particularly desirous of interesting you³⁰ in the rapid selling possibilities of Food-Nut foods.

Mr.⁴⁰ Spillman desires to acquaint you with some of the many⁵⁰ ways in which Food-Nut products will assist you in⁶⁰ making more satisfied customers.

You know "the economy in quality⁷⁰ foods" to the housewives and yourself.

We realize that, even⁸⁰ if we should fill our packages with pure gold and⁹⁰ advertise them in every known medium, we should be getting¹⁰⁰ nowhere unless you, at the point of contact, bring them¹¹⁰ to the attention of folks when they are buying supplies¹²⁰ for the family larder. Food-Nut foods when once sold¹³⁰ automatically repeat.

Mr. Spillman can demonstrate very quickly the truth¹⁴⁰ of these statements. Kindly give him the ten necessary minutes¹⁵⁰ of your undivided attention on his next visit and in¹⁶⁰ so doing we shall be satisfied and appreciative of your¹⁷⁰ interest.

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You have our best wishes for your continued prosperity. 180

Yours very truly, (183-1.57)

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Mr. Edward Stevens
315 Security Building
Lynn, Massachusetts

Dear Sir

The enclosed circular gives in condensed form an¹⁰ outline of the various departments of our organization.

New inventions²⁰ often nullify the importance of old industries, and new laws³⁰ sometimes revolutionize an old-established business. Diversification of risk is⁴⁰ only common sense, but many business men put too large⁵⁰ a proportion of their funds in one industry or sometimes⁶⁰ in one section of the country.

We publish monthly a⁷⁰ financial review in which our aim is to outline briefly⁸⁰ the condition of the market, its current trend, and its⁹⁰ outlook. An ever-increasing clientele finds it advantageous to keep¹⁰⁰ in touch with us regarding specific influences bearing on the¹¹⁰ securities in which they are, or may be interested. Having¹²⁰ no securities of our own to sell, we act solely¹³⁰ in our clients' interests.

We are proud of our business¹⁴⁰ record of over fifty years and of the number of ¹⁵⁰ clients we have served continuously. It is not our intention ¹⁶⁰ to burden you with letters or literature, but we do¹⁷⁰ feel that we can be helpful to you and would ¹⁸⁰ like to place the service of our organiza-



tion at your 190 disposal. Shall we send you our current monthly letter?

Yours²⁰⁰ very truly, (202—1.57)

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Mr. H. I. Good

Schenectady High School Schenectady, New York

Dear Friend:

Under separate cover we are sending you a¹⁰ copy of the prize poster advertising the Eastern Arts Association²⁰ Convention which is to be held in Syracuse, April 21,³⁰ 22, 23, and 24. To help⁴⁰ us bring the convention to the attention of the teachers⁵⁰ in your school who may be interested, will you please⁶⁰ hang the poster on your school bulletin board.

The program⁷⁰ is very unusual and the convention will be an inspiration⁸⁰ and help to any teacher who may attend. The special⁹⁰ groups served are the grade teachers, instructors in fine and¹⁰⁰ industrial arts, including homemaking, vocational, and continuation school teachers, also¹¹⁰ all those who may be interested in these subjects.

We¹²⁰ are anxious to have this convention the largest the Association¹³⁰ has ever had. The local committee of Syracuse is also¹⁴⁰ desirous of obtaining 500 new members. Will you please¹⁵⁰ cooperate with us by getting one new member to sign¹⁶⁰ the enclosed blank and mail the check or money order¹⁷⁰ to the chairman of the Membership Committee.

There are a¹⁸⁰ few more booths left for school

exhibits. The commercial exhibitors 190 expect to give more than \$1,500200 worth of gifts to members. The chairman of the committee²¹⁰ will be glad to give any information desired.

We hope²²⁰ you will be able to attend. Very sincerely yours, (229—1.57)

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Mrs. Rosetta Coakley 44 Wood Place Yonkers, New York

My dear Mrs. Coakley:

At this season, when you want¹⁰ to make your Christmas purchases with the minimum of time, 20 trouble, and expense, a charge account at West's will be³⁰ particularly appreciated.

An adequate staff of competent salespeople makes your⁴⁰ selections simple, and it is easy to find the right⁵⁰ gift from assortments so replete with smart and distinctive articles.60

Every steamer from Europe that has arrived in the last⁷⁰ few weeks has brought us shipments of beautiful and unusual⁸⁰ gifts of merchandise from abroad.

West's, you know, has everything 90 in smart apparel and accessories for children and grownups, 100 of both sexes, and it is really possible to do110 all your Christmas shopping here advantageously.

As we wrote you¹²⁰ this spring, an account is immediately available to you without 130 any of the usual formalities if you will just say140 "Charge it" when making your selections.

Very truly yours, (149—1.57)

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Mr. Walter G. Christie 40 East Lexington Street

Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

You are undoubtedly aware of the remarkable success¹⁰ of Lindsey "70" in the two years of its existence.²⁰

Two years ago it was little more than a name³⁰ to the public at large. Today it is the one⁴⁰ motor car talked about above all others.

Never before has on y car appealed so irresistibly to buyers and to owners of all classes of cars. Never before has any car os completely swept aside traditions or so surely pointed the way to the obsolescence of the cumbersome, the heavy, and otherwasteful in motoring.

The Lindsey "70" came into being¹⁰⁰ as a motor car not extravagantly large or heavy, but¹¹⁰ adequately roomy for five people; a car with perfectly balanced¹²⁰ motor, with a speed of 70 miles an hour and¹³⁰ more, with a flashing pick-up for the thickest of traffic, yet a marvel of fuel economy.

Lindsey "70" design¹⁵⁰ created a new trend in motoring tastes. Its most astounding¹⁶⁰ success in the past two years, from every standpoint, is¹⁷⁰ sufficient evidence of the soundness of the fundamental design, the¹⁸⁰ fineness of Lindsey craftsmanship, and the materials that go into¹⁹⁰ this car.

Your nearest Lindsey dealer is eager to show²⁰⁰ you why you should be vitally interested in the fact²¹⁰ that thousands of Lindsey owners

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20: 20: 20: 20: 20: 20: 20: the world over are enjoying²²⁰ a new degree of motoring satisfaction.

Very truly yours, (229—1.57)

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Mr. F. L. Gilbert

360 Ferry Street

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

It is a matter of concern to¹⁰ us that you are not a member of the Associate²⁰ Alumni of the college. Every collegiate institution justifies in its³⁰ alumni its existence and its development, and in no other⁴⁰ case is that justification more essential than in ours. The⁵⁰ effective support of the alumni, to which the college is⁶⁰ entitled, can come only through an organized body, the membership⁷⁰ of which ought to be as comprehensive as the living⁸⁰ graduates. It is a real criticism of our loyalty that⁹⁰ it is not so and we know you will do¹⁰⁰ your part in making such a criticism impossible.

We need¹¹⁰ your personal support and we need the financial support of ¹²⁰ the very moderate dues which the members pay. We could¹³⁰ do more and better work with a larger revenue. What¹⁴⁰ we have done and what we are doing you will¹⁵⁰ find of very real importance and interest. As a member¹⁶⁰ of the Associate Alumni you will receive the alumni's publication,¹⁷⁰ which, hitherto a quarterly, has now become a monthly periodical¹⁸⁰ under the name *The Alumnus*. We enclose a folder which¹⁹⁰ will give you some opinions of the esteem in which²⁰⁰ its editing and its usefulness

are held, and which, we²¹⁰ believe, cannot fail to excite your interest.

We also enclose²²⁰ an application for membership which we hope you will sign²³⁰ and return to the secretary without delay.

Yours very sincerely,²⁴⁰ (240—1.57)

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Mrs. Frances Livingston 1534 Arcade Place Seattle, Washington

My dear Mrs. Livingston:

If you have ever enjoyed the ¹⁰ fascinating pursuit of an odd piece or group of furniture, ²⁰ with which to round out some scheme you have in ³⁰ mind, this message will revive pleasant memories—and tempt you ⁴⁰ again to the quest!

In rearranging our exhibits into a⁵⁰ series of interior groupings, there was insufficient space for a⁶⁰ variety of beautiful furniture and decorative accessories. Rather than place⁷⁰ these objects in our reserve stocks, we have marked them⁸⁰ for special sale—at very much less than they formerly⁹⁰ sold for—with a view to encouraging you and others¹⁰⁰ to a closer acquaintance with this treasure house of beautiful¹¹⁰ things.

While you cannot mistake our building, a stroll through¹²⁰ the newly appointed galleries will reveal a transformation which will¹³⁰ surely delight you.

May we have the pleasure of a¹⁴⁰ call—particularly at this time when your visit can be¹⁵⁰ made so extremely profitable? The special sale commences tomorrow.

Very¹⁶⁰ truly yours, (162-1.57)

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Mr. John B. Woodward, Advertising Manager The Daily Sun

Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Woodward:

Inasmuch as the Chicago *Daily Sun* played¹⁰ so large a part in the success achieved in one²⁰ short year by our Chicago store, I am sure you³⁰ will be interested in this resumé of our experience.

As⁴⁰ you know, the Odell fashion shops are designed to supply⁵⁰ the demands of the American woman who keeps up to⁶⁰ the minute in style, yet does not wish to pay⁷⁰ exorbitant prices for her apparel. In a word a "style⁸⁰ divorced from extravagance" trade.

Our problem in Chicago, then, was⁹⁰ to reach the greatest number of these progressive women in¹⁰⁰ the most effective manner, with our advertising. We had carefully¹¹⁰ studied the Chicago market, and adapted our merchandise to its¹²⁰ requirements, but in the matter of advertising mediums we could¹³⁰ only learn the best by experience.

However, experience is a¹⁴⁰ quick as well as an able teacher to the advertiser,¹⁵⁰ and we soon learned that a vast number of progressive¹⁶⁰ women in Chicago and its suburbs look to the *Daily*¹⁷⁰ *Sun* for their advertising information and guidance.

Our advertising for¹⁸⁰ the year in which we have done business in Chicago¹⁹⁰ reflects this discovery—and our gratifying success in this market²⁰⁰ reflects the effectiveness of this advertising.

N Si In a little more²¹⁰ than twelve months the Odell fashion shop has achieved a²²⁰ distinct and ever-increasing leadership in its field, and no²³⁰ small part of this very gratifying success is due to²⁴⁰ the pulling power of our advertising in the *Daily Sun*.²⁵⁰

Very truly yours, (253—1.57)

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Mr. William S. Fitzpatrick
42 Reppert Building
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Some of the brainiest automobile owners in town¹⁰—smart people who look twice and think three times before²⁰ they buy anything—buy all their requirements from us.

If 30 we can satisfy these people we are sure we can 40 please you too. They come here regularly because they have 50 found our establishment a perfectly safe, reliable, dependable place to 60 patronize.

We could not win the preference of these discriminating⁷⁰ people unless what we had to offer was definitely better⁸⁰ than they could find elsewhere.

Because our location is convenient, 90 our service prompt, efficient, and courteous, our merchandise of the 100 highest quality, and our prices surprisingly low, we have built 110 up a substantial business which is growing every day.

We¹²⁰ are anxious to secure all of your business, and we¹³⁰ feel absolutely certain we can satisfy you.

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The next time¹⁴⁰ you need anything for your automobile, drive in.

Very truly¹⁵⁰ yours, (151—1.57)

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Messrs. Harry B. Hill & Company 547 Howard Street San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

Are you still taking the chance of missing some¹⁰ new idea that might possibly increase your profits? Do you²⁰ still depend on yourself alone as an idea hunter? It³⁰ is almost a hopeless job, for you know that an⁴⁰ individual has little chance of reading thoroughly the trade papers⁵⁰ he receives, to say nothing about some 1,362⁶⁰ business publications he never sees.

Yet⁷⁰ any one of these papers might contain an article packed⁸⁰ with ideas which could be successfully applied to your business.⁹⁰ You can make sure of seeing every helpful article by¹⁰⁰ letting *The Business Review* find it for you and tell¹¹⁰ you about it. Our editors see all the technical and¹²⁰ trade journals, all the business magazines, all the important house¹³⁰ organs, association bulletins, and Government reports.

From the pages of 140 these different publications the very articles you would want to 150 see are selected, digested, and put on your desk in 160 semimonthly reports. In addition to this service, subscribers to 170 The Business Review may call upon our research department for 180 information and special reports on any commercial subject, free of 190 charge. The value of this feature is

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indicated by the²⁰⁰ many letters we receive praising the thoroughness and completeness of²¹⁰ information that could not be obtained from other sources.

The²²⁰ standard subscription to *The Business Review* is \$12.50²³⁰ a year for each section, with special combination rates²⁴⁰ for two or more sections, as shown on the card²⁵⁰ enclosed.

It won't cost you a penny to see *The*²⁶⁰ *Business Review*. Mail back the stamped card enclosed and we²⁷⁰ will send a handsome binder containing some recent issues for²⁸⁰ ten days' free examination. Within that time you may either²⁹⁰ return the material without further obligation, or we will enter³⁰⁰ your subscription to begin with the next issue.

Yours very³¹⁰ truly, (311—1.57)

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Mr. Louis P. Farrar 28 Harding Street

Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

As a result of a recent exchange offering,¹⁰ we obtained more bonds than we needed to fill the²⁰ order we then had on hand. We are consequently giving³⁰ you the opportunity to subscribe for the oversupply at par⁴⁰ and interest as long as the limited amount on hand⁵⁰ is available.

As you will note from the attached sheet⁸⁰ and the photographs enclosed, three of these buildings are completed,⁷⁰ are from 90 to 100 per cent rented, and⁸⁰ their actual net earnings are considerably in excess of our⁹⁰ estimates.

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The location of each of them is ideal. In¹⁰⁰ every respect these bonds measure up to the highest investment¹¹⁰ standards.

Since these issues are among the most popular we¹²⁰ have ever underwritten, we anticipate that the limited amounts now¹³⁰ available will be very quickly oversubscribed. We suggest, therefore, that¹⁴⁰ you specify the amount and issue desired on the attached¹⁵⁰ blank and mail to us immediately with your check or¹⁶⁰ bank delivery instructions.

Very truly yours, (166—1.57)

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Consolidated Credit Association 2020 Grand Avenue Kansas City, Missouri

Gentlemen:

As stated in our letter of January 15, we¹⁰ have previously been unable to acknowledge your letter of December²⁰ 28 because of lack of time. We hope the³⁰ delay did not cause you any inconvenience.

At this time⁴⁰ we are pleased to inform you that the service rendered⁵⁰ by you has been pleasing and satisfactory to us in⁶⁰ every respect. From our acquaintance with the personnel of your⁷⁰ organization we gain the impression that we may expect a⁸⁰ continuance of the first-class service which you have thus⁹⁰ far rendered.

We find that your credit service has benefited¹⁰⁰ us in many ways, because it is concerned mainly with¹¹⁰ the drug and chemical trade. Perhaps it is unnecessary to¹²⁰ state that it is to

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be expected that a credit¹⁸⁰ organization which concentrates on a certain trade can be more¹⁴⁰ valuable to concerns in that line than a mercantile agency¹⁵⁰ that offers service in an unlimited number of lines. We¹⁶⁰ find that the various services rendered by your organization have¹⁷⁰ aided us materially in handling our business from the credit¹⁸⁰ end.

You have our best wishes for your continued success, 190

Very truly yours, (193—1.57)

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Mr. Edward C. Robinson 1890 Seventh Avenue New York, New York

Dear Sir:

We have carefully rechecked our records and are¹⁰ unable to find any errors in the charge for local²⁰ messages sent from Lenox 8264 as shown²⁰ on your February 1 bill.

Our operating practice provides that⁴⁰ only completed connections shall be charged. Uncompleted calls, such as⁵⁰ those on which "busy" or "don't answer" is reported, are⁶⁰ not charged. In case a wrong connection is established, and⁷⁰ the operator's attention is called to it, the wrong connection⁸⁰ is not charged.

Because of the precautions observed in our operating practice to prevent overcharges, we believe that the charge 100 in question represents only the number of messages sent from 110 your telephone.

Yours very truly, (115-1.58)

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Mr. Henry L. Cox 1440 Broadway New York, New York

Dear Sir:

How many times have you tried in vain¹⁰ to find a certain definite and authoritative definition or direction²⁰ concerning some perplexing problem that has come up in your³⁰ daily work?

How often have you felt the need of an authoritative source—to establish the rightness of your position, 50 or to set you surely on the right track?

Now,⁶⁰ for the first time, there is an authoritative and comprehensive⁷⁰ work that will quickly and finally solve your perplexing problems⁸⁰—close the debates or discussions that so frequently arise concerning⁹⁰ accounting terminology or procedure.

Now there is a practical working¹⁰⁰ assistant for the accountant, not only in his daily work,¹¹⁰ but in preparing the talks he so often is called¹²⁰ upon to make before boards of directors—and to prepare¹³⁰ them so as to be professionally and technically correct, yet¹⁴⁰ clearly understandable to the layman.

Many of the best minds¹⁵⁰ of the accounting and general business world have contributed to¹⁶⁰ this great work, thereby affording you the same information on¹⁷⁰ any question that arises that you could get through personal¹⁸⁰ conferences with these men, for this work contains the results¹⁹⁰ of literally hundreds of just such actual conferences.

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Note the²⁰⁰ partial list of those who are responsible for the preparation²¹⁰ of this great work—note their standing. Their work is²²⁰ always accepted as the best obtainable; so is this work²³⁰—the culmination of many years of deep thinking and hard²⁴⁰ labor on their part.

To be sure that you will²⁵⁰ enjoy the use of this practical working tool at the²⁶⁰ earliest moment possible, and at the least outlay of cash,²⁷⁰ better accept the enclosed special prepublication offer—or have your²⁸⁰ secretary do it at once.

Yours very truly, (288-1.58)

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North High School
Des Moines, Iowa
Gentlemen:

Before you open, the attached telegram—probably one of 10 the biggest telegrams you have ever seen!—let us explain 20 why we have sent it to you.

It is because³⁰ we realize and appreciate your keen interest in all noteworthy⁴⁰ developments along educational lines, particularly with relation to education designed⁵⁰ to prepare pupils for useful service in business life.

It⁶⁰ is a distinct tribute to the service given by Universal⁷⁰ typewriters during long comparative tests that the Detroit Board of⁸⁰ Education should have made possible the enclosed reproduction of a⁹⁰ telegram from our representatives in that city to our head¹⁰⁰ office in Chicago.

It is unique in school annals that¹¹⁰ nearly 95 per cent of all typewriters supplied all¹²⁰ the

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pupils of Detroit's schools by that Board are now 130 of a single make—Universals!

We value the great importance¹⁴⁰ of your good opinion in molding the minds of tomorrow,¹⁵⁰ and we intend, if we may, to tell you from¹⁶⁰ time to time of significant little matters, such as the¹⁷⁰ enclosed, which may move you to "think well of the¹⁸⁰ Universals"!

Yours very truly, (184-1.58)

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Mr. Prescott N. Wilcox 203 O'Neal Avenue Hopkinsville, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

In re: Policy No. 64328010

We were pleased to receive an²⁰ acknowledgment of our letter relative to the proposed reinstatement of³⁰ the aforementioned policy.

By reason of the non-payment of the premium of \$72.16, which became⁵⁰ due on December 7, the policy was lapsed on our books.

In this connection we wish to point out to⁷⁰ you that you applied for the policy appreciating the value⁸⁰ of life insurance as an investment, aside from the protection⁹⁰ afforded by it. You know also that the policy provides¹⁰⁰ for many benefits increasing in value from year to year¹¹⁰ and that it cannot be dropped without considerable sacrifice on¹²⁰ your part.

We shall be glad to consider reinstatement of the policy on the conditions given in the enclosed memorandum. 140

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We hope that you may see your way clear to 150 apply for reinstatement of the policy at an early date. 160

Very truly yours, (163—1.58)

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Mr. R. A. Craig

650 Broad Street

Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

The Harrington Building and Loan Association, on Monday,¹⁰ November 20, 1927, will become twenty-one²⁰ years old. On that day the Association also opens its³⁰ seventieth series of instalment stock.

Through the mutual cooperation of⁴⁰ the officers and shareholders, its assets are now over⁵⁰ \$1,570,000, of which⁶⁰ \$1,490,000 stands invested in first mortgage⁷⁰ loans, the remainder in loans on shares of the Association.⁸⁰

Within the next few days you will receive a copy 90 of the annual report. This will manifestly show the steady 100 growth of the Association and the prudent manner in which 110 your money is invested. Money saved in this Association brings 120 a safe and sure return.

Shares in the Harrington are ¹³⁰ secure. You can have your money at any time. You ¹⁴⁰ know the profits are steady. You know the strength of ¹⁵⁰ the organization.

November 22 is a real opportunity. Will¹⁶⁰ you take advantage of it. Will you tell your friends¹⁷⁰ and associates about it?

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resources of the Harrington and the earning power of 190 your own shares!

We count on you to make this²⁰⁰ the biggest series in our history.

Yours very truly, (209—1.58)

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Messrs. Abbott & Storm 428 Bermuda Street New Orleans, Louisiana

Gentlemen:

Lest you think our only products are the engraved¹⁰ and lithographed letterheads that we have previously sent you, may²⁰ we call to your attention the line of statement covers³⁰ on which we specialize. These covers are reproduced from drawings⁴⁰ and photographs, by either engraving or lithographic processes, as you⁵⁰ may choose.

The enclosed specimens of covers in actual use⁶⁰ will show the quality and character of this work. We⁷⁰ shall be pleased to have an opportunity to discuss your⁸⁰ particular requirements, as we are in a position to submit⁹⁰ suggestions that should be of interest. An acceptance of this¹⁰⁰ offer will in no way obligate you.

Very truly yours, 110 (110—1.59)

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Hargrave Service Systems
25 West Fourteenth Street
New York, New York

Dear Sirs:

We acknowledge with thanks your letter of

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the¹⁰ 20th returning the questionnaires recently answered by our field representatives²⁰ respecting their knowledge of S. O. S.

We note with³⁰ genuine pleasure the satisfaction expressed in your letter with reference⁴⁰ to the answers furnished by our men, and are disseminating⁵⁰ to them the result of the examination.

Your reference to⁶⁰ our representative, Mr. Clark, has been noted. We shall confer⁷⁰ with him next week in the hope that he will⁸⁰ be as enthusiastic about your service as the other field⁹⁰ representatives have been.

Thank you for your kind interest.

Very¹⁰⁰ truly yours, (102—1.59)

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Mr. Ralph S. Humphries 752 Olympia Street Spokane, Washington

Dear Sir:

If, upon opening the will of a deceased¹⁰ friend, it were found that you had been appointed executor²⁰ and trustee, your first sentiments would be pride at the³⁰ confidence imposed in you and determination to do your utmost⁴⁰ on behalf of your friend's heirs.

When it became apparent,⁵⁰ however, that you had undertaken more than you could accomplish,⁶⁰ that your own business and lack of experience interfered with⁷⁰ the proper administration of his estate, your sentiments would change⁸⁰ and you would regret your appointment as executor.

In choosing90 an executor do not impose upon

a friend or relative.¹⁰⁰ Designate this bank, whose business it is to assume the¹¹⁰ responsibilities of administering your estate. It costs no more.

Come¹²⁰ in and talk it over with our trust

officer.

Yours¹³⁰ very truly, (132—1.59)

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Mr. George E. Hargrave 1133 Broadway New York, New York

Dear Sir:

As gifts of merchandise from our shop are ¹⁰ always highly appreciated, we are prompted to write this letter ²⁰ to you and to a number of other busy men ³⁰ who are considering the matter of suitable remembrances for their ⁴⁰ friends and business associates.

It would be a pleasure to⁵⁰ arrange an appointment with you. We could send one of⁶⁰ our experienced representatives to your office, who could serve you⁷⁰ intelligently, relieving you of the burdensome details of choosing the⁸⁰ articles. He devotes all his time to making selections and⁹⁰ can be of invaluable assistance to you in that respect.¹⁰⁰

A great many of our patrons are now disposing of the problem of Christmas presents, conveniently and yet very appropriately, 20 by sending our merchandise bonds which are drawn for any 30 specified sum. These certificates may be redeemed by the person 40 to whom given, at any time, in the form of 50 shirts, neckwear, handkerchiefs, mufflers, dressing gowns, hose, or

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any other¹⁶⁰ requisites at our New York, Paris, or London establishments.

May¹⁷⁰ we look forward to the privilege of taking care of 180 your holiday requirements?

Yours very truly, (186-1.59)

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Mr. Frederick Jordan 29 West Third Street St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your interest and inquiry of ¹¹ May 15. We shall be greatly pleased to give you²⁰ complete information relative to the Speakograph system and its direct³⁰ application to your individual needs.

By the very nature of this system, it is hardly possible to convey to you, through the medium of a letter, an adequate understanding of Speakograph—what it is, and what it can do for you. You will unquestionably find it far more satisfactory to see a practical demonstration of a small portable system in actual operation in your own office.

One of our representatives¹⁰⁰ can explain the service to you clearly in not more¹¹⁰ than ten minutes. At the same time he can give¹²⁰ you an estimate of the cost of installing a system¹³⁰ that will be designed to meet your individual requirements in¹⁴⁰ the most effective and economical manner possible.

His call will¹⁵⁰ in no way obligate you, but it will mean valuable¹⁶⁰ information and a basis for unbiased analysis of Speakograph service.¹⁷⁰

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Will you indicate on the enclosed card a day and hour when it will be convenient for you to see 190 the Speakograph?

Yours sincerely, (194-1.59)

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Mr. Philip I. Towle East Orange High School

East Orange, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

The accompanying folder contains brief announcements of our¹⁰ most recent publications; also a complete list of all titles²⁰ we at present are able to supply.

For your convenience³⁰ in ordering, or in requesting details concerning any book listed⁴⁰ but not described, the reverse side of this form may⁵⁰ be used.

Please note the statement at the foot of 60 the next page. The terms stated are dictated solely by 70 our wish to be of the largest possible service to 80 the cause of education. A major part of our publishing 90 activity is devoted to the issuing of scientific works of 100 restricted appeal. In order that such books may be made 110 available in increasing number, strict economy in distribution must be 120 practiced. We do not attempt to duplicate the practices of 130 textbook publishers with whom professional books are only a side 140 issue.

We thank you for your past favors and trust¹⁵⁰ that we may continue to enjoy your patronage.

Very truly¹⁶⁰ yours, (161—1.59)

Everyday Book Company 100 Washington Square New York, New York

Gentlemen:

I have recently had an opportunity to examine a¹⁰ copy of your book "Business English," by Hotchkin and Grow.²⁰ I am very much pleased with it and I regard³⁰ it as a very valuable contribution to business literature, particularly⁴⁰ in its reference to letter writing, which is somewhat a⁵⁰ hobby of mine.

Three points in regard to this book⁶⁰ impress

me very strongly and favorably.

First: The book is 70 written from that valuable psychological standpoint which seeks to point 80 out the way to impress the recipient of the letter 90 rather than to give expression to the writer's own feelings. 100

Second: The arrangement of the book is exceedingly good, all¹¹⁰ topics being logically

presented in proper order.

Third: The illustrations¹²⁰ chosen show a practical knowledge on the part of its¹³⁰ authors of modern, up-to-date business methods and conventional¹⁴⁰ expression.

It seems to me that this book should have¹⁵⁰ a very wide distribution among business correspondents. I am sure¹⁶⁰ it will be profitable not only to those young men¹⁷⁰ who are beginning their business careers, but also to the¹⁸⁰ more mature business man who has, alas, fallen into bad¹⁹⁰ habits of correspondence of which he is often unaware.

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I²⁰⁰ hope this new book will meet with the success which²¹⁰ it deserves.

Very truly yours, (215—1.59)

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Mr. W. G. Zeller

29 West Thirteenth Street Bayonne, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Some time ago you were interested in taking¹⁰ up a course of instruction in designing at our school.²⁰

We have written to you several times pointing out the³⁰ advantages that you will derive from coming to our institution.⁴⁰ Your earning power will be increased and your work will⁵⁰ become a pleasure.

For some reason you have not paid⁶⁰ any attention to our several letters. We find it impossible⁷⁰ to believe that you intentionally overlooked this opportunity. Do you⁸⁰ realize the difference in the earning power of ordinary mechanical⁹⁰ ability and that of skilled designing? It is nothing unusual¹⁰⁰ these days for a designer to earn from \$5,000¹¹⁰ to \$10,000 a year. Your income is¹²⁰ based solely upon your ability.

This opportunity has been seized¹³⁰ by many others as the stepping stone to success. They¹⁴⁰ have been successful—why not you?

Do you know that¹⁵⁰ designing is the coming profession, is easy to learn, and¹⁶⁰ pays big money? The future for a designer is unlimited.¹⁷⁰

Do not forget that at the Mitchell Designing School you¹⁸⁰ can learn in your spare time and

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you can earn¹⁹⁰ while you learn. You had better think this over.

We²⁰⁰ ask for the courtesy of a reply to this letter.²¹⁰

Very truly yours, (213—1.59)

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Mr. Raymond Klein 436 Kelly Street New York, New York

My dear Mr. Klein:

In our letter to you several¹⁰ days ago we told you of our intention to open²⁰ an Erwin-Corona banking office in Hunt's Point at Southern³⁰ Boulevard and 200th Street, and we feel you may⁴⁰ be interested in knowing more about our plans.

It is 50 intended that this office is to be, in every sense 60 of the word, a bank complete in itself to serve 70 the Hunt's Point section. Besides the customary facilities for a 80 general banking business, it will be equipped to act in 90 any trust capacity, buy or sell securities for you, supply 100 foreign currency or transmit funds abroad, pay interest on special 110 interest accounts, and provide safe deposit facilities.

Moreover, through the ¹²⁰ far-reaching Erwin-Corona organization, it will supply a close ¹³⁰ link between business in Hunt's Point and business elsewhere. The ¹⁴⁰ company now has sixteen other banking offices in Greater New ¹⁵⁰ York organized to handle the business of customers in this ¹⁶⁰ city, as well as those in other states and other ¹⁷⁰ countries.

The Hunt's Point office, therefore, will offer a complete¹⁸⁰ banking and trust service through which you can conduct business¹⁹⁰ easily and promptly with other parts of New York or²⁰⁰ anywhere else in the world. And back of it, as²¹⁰ a guarantee of its security, will be the financial strength²²⁰ and responsibility of the entire Erwin-Corona with resources amounting²³⁰ to \$380,000,000.

Very truly yours, (239—1.59)

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Mr. J. M. Dixon 195 South Jackson Street Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Sir:

The booklet enclosed will especially interest you if 10 you have found, as so many banks have, a scarcity 20 of good mortgages in your territory. For some years now 30 we have supplied a number of banks and trust companies 40 in your section of the country with our Guaranteed First 50 Mortgage Bonds, for their own investment account and for resale 60 to their customers. These bonds differ widely from the usual 70 run of real estate securities; they particularly fulfil a bank's 80 requirements of wide margin of security and reasonable marketability, and 90 carry, we believe, the strongest guarantee of any real estate 100 securities on the market today.

We are of the opinion¹¹⁰ that your institution can advantageously handle these bonds. At present¹²⁰ we are regularly supplying banks, in comparatively small localities, with¹³⁰ an average

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of from ten to sixty bonds a month,¹⁴⁰ most of which they are placing in the hands of ¹⁵⁰ their depositors. The exceptionally high character of these bonds makes¹⁶⁰ them an ideal bank recommendation, one which you can be¹⁷⁰ sure will always reflect your good judgment

If you think¹⁸⁰ your institution might be interested in these bonds either for¹⁹⁰ your own funds, in connection with trusts, or for your²⁰⁰ depositors, we shall be glad to give you further details,²¹⁰ and allow you a dealer's concession.

We would appreciate hearing²²⁰ from you in regard to this matter.

Very truly yours, 230 (230—1.59)

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Mr. Henry A. Wright
27 Shepard Street
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 1, addressed to our 10 Chicago Office, has been referred to me for attention. In 20 the meantime, there has been correspondence between your accounting department 30 and ours, and it seems to me that progress is 40 being made in straightening out the difficulties which have prevailed. 50 If I am mistaken in this respect and there are 60 any points in which we cannot agree, I shall be 70 very glad to go into them personally with a view 80 to reaching an understanding.

My present purpose in writing is 90 to assure you that our policy is one of cooperation. We realize fully that without the good will of

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the¹¹⁰ merchants representing us we cannot possibly make a success. The¹²⁰ tremendous strides which we have made since this business began,¹³⁰ in the face of long-established competition, must convince you¹⁴⁰ that our general attitude has not been such as it¹⁵⁰ appeared to you in the light of your own experience.¹⁶⁰

You know very well that you can lay out the 170 best possible system and impress upon your employees the importance 180 of careful and courte-ous consideration of everything pertaining to your 190 customers. You may do everything in your power to conduct 200 your business on an ideal plan and still, because of 210 the uncertainty of the human element, your purpose is defeated. 220

Occasionally some letter will leave this plant which fails wholly²³⁰ to carry the spirit of our organization. It is not²⁴⁰ done deliberately, but possibly through thoughtlessness on the part of²⁵⁰ the correspondent. The merchant who receives the letter naturally believes²⁶⁰ that it is an official representation of our policy and²⁷⁰ that merchant forms a poor impression of us.

I am²⁸⁰ happy to say, however, that instances of this kind are²⁹⁰ rare, and that more often the frank, courteous, and complete³⁰⁰ type of letter issues. We know that the impression of³¹⁰ the merchant has been one of the big features in³²⁰ our success, and we shall never intentionally do anything that³³⁰ smacks of dictation to him or lack of consideration of³⁴⁰ the conditions affecting his agency.

This expresses our policy, and 350 an experience of a different character is contrary to our 360 policy.

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Should anything at any time develop in connection with³⁷⁰ your agency, I should appreciate your bringing the matter to³⁸⁰ my personal attention, and I promise you it will receive³⁹⁰ careful and fair-minded consideration.

Yours very truly, (398-1.59)

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Mr. John R. Hamilton 1005 La Salle Street Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is our contract No. A1200,¹⁰ dated December 1, 1926, covering²⁰ advertising of our client, the Empire Audit Company, in your³⁰ publication.

We should appreciate it if you would fill out⁴⁰ and return to the writer as soon as possible the⁵⁰ acceptance slip attached to this contract.

Yours very truly, (59—1.60)

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Mr. William J. Younger
38 Public Square
Watertown, New York

Dear Mr. Younger:

Upon payment of the first premium under¹⁰ Policy No. 568730,²⁰ a letter of welcome was mailed to the insured in³⁰ accordance with the information given in the application for the⁴⁰ policy.

Our letter, however, has been returned by the postal⁵⁰ authorities as undeliverable. Since the

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policy was only recently issued,⁶⁰ and in order to prevent it from lapsing if the⁷⁰ notices are not mailed to the correct address, we would⁸⁰ ask you to investigate this case and let us have⁹⁰ your early advice.

Sincerely yours, (95—1.60)

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Miss Frances M. Brooks State Normal School

Salem, Massachusetts

My dear Miss Brooks:

Knowing from long experience the exacting¹⁰ qualifications demanded by you when seeking entertainers, we wish to²⁰ acquaint you with our Bureau, whose success has been built³⁰ along the lines of clean, wholesome entertainment.

We have listed⁴⁰ with us and under contract many sterling attractions that we⁵⁰ believe you would be interested in.

Many of our entertainers⁶⁰ can present programs lasting one hour and we can send⁷⁰ them to you for \$15 to \$20, depending⁸⁰ upon the attraction.

Our listing of artists is the largest⁹⁰ in the city. Only entertainers of recognized ability whose entertainment¹⁰⁰ has been personally passed upon by this Bureau are ever¹¹⁰ offered.

We will consider it a privilege to be of 120 service. If you are interested, we shall gladly give you 130 further details.

We hope you will call upon us when the occasion presents itself.

Very truly yours, (147-1.60)

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Mr. C. E. Alexander

517 Cleveland Avenue

Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

To expedite rendering statements after the first of 10 each month, commencing with our January 1 statement, we will 20 discontinue our former practice of detailing the entire account, but 30 will show the balance at the beginning of the month 40 and the detail of current transactions, with all additions and 50 deductions.

Therefore, the statement enclosed will be the last one⁶⁰ setting forth the entire detail of account. It will be⁷⁰ well to retain this and future statements for reference. Should⁸⁰ your statement become lost, a duplicate will be promptly submitted⁹⁰ upon request. Please report errors promptly.

This practice is in 100 line with general account-

ing procedure.

Yours very truly, (108—1.60)

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Mr. Godfrey N. Nelson

25 Liberty Square

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

My private sales department is constantly in touch¹⁰ with buyers interested in the purchase of property of every²⁰ description. Undoubtedly, the estates and owners you represent desire to³⁰ dispose of certain property from time to time.

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If you⁴⁰ are interested in selling any property at present, I shall⁵⁰ be pleased to receive a list, with complete details.

If,⁶⁰ after receiving the list, any of my clients are desirous⁷⁰ of purchasing, I shall be glad to communicate with you⁸⁰ immediately.

I hope to have the pleasure of serving you, 90 and assure you that my private sales department is at 100 your disposal.

Very truly yours, (105-1.60)

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Mr. M. Richardson 49 Kinsman Street Ashtabula, Ohio

Dear Sir:

We were pleased to receive an acknowledgment of 10 our letter relative to the proposed reinstatement of your policy 20 on its original terms.

By reason of the non-payment³⁰ of the premium of \$51.22,⁴⁰ which became due on September 15, the policy was automatically⁵⁰ continued in force on our books as extended term insurance.⁶⁰

Reinstatement of the policy to its original terms will be⁷⁰ gladly considered by us on the conditions recited in the⁸⁰ enclosed memorandum.

Should you find it inconvenient to pay the on amount in arrears in cash, we shall be pleased to on grant a loan under the policy, whereby the policy may on the reinstated on our books on its original terms without on your part whatsoever, as stated in the attached memorandum.

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The necessary loan papers for execution will¹⁴⁶ be gladly furnished upon request.

We hope that we may¹⁵⁰ hear from you on the matter at an early date.¹⁶⁰

Very truly yours, (163-1.60)

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Mr. Frank V. Wallace 152 Polk Street Gary, Indiana

My dear Mr. Wallace:

From time to time you have¹⁰ received letters from me telling you about the closing date²⁰ of a particular issue of *Business Men*. Perhaps you have³⁰ wondered why I have been so persistent in suggesting that⁴⁰ you use this publication, so I am going to let⁵⁰ Mr. R. N. Bellows, advertising manager of the Addressoline Company,⁶⁰ Boston, tell you why:

"Without going into any great detail,⁷⁰ Business Men is producing greater traceable results per dollar spent⁸⁰ than any other publication in which we advertise."

Considering everything, 90 I think you will agree that Mr. Bellows has found 100 Business Men profitable, but he is just one of many 110 advertisers who has found that advertising in Business Men pays. 120 Naturally, I feel that if it is profitable for its 130 advertisers, it will prove profitable for you. That is why 140 I would like to see you advertise in Business Men. 150

September 10 is the closing date of the November issue. Why not get your advertising in November *Business Men*, along 170 with

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Mr. Bellows', for I am sure that you will¹⁸⁰ agree with him after *Business Men* has had an opportunity¹⁹⁰ to work for you.

Yours very truly, (197-1.60)

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Mr. J. L. Salet

Harrington Typewriter Company New York, New York

My dear Mr. Salet:

This letter will be of interest¹⁰ to your office manager, employment manager, or whoever is responsible²⁰ for the development of the young men and women in³⁰ your employ.

We are offering a practical course in the⁴⁰ technique of office methods designed to teach office men and⁵⁰ women exactly how results are accomplished. Specific problems of students⁶⁰ are worked out in the class and methods are taught⁷⁰ which can be used by students in their own work.⁸⁰

The following topics are considered in detail: development of the 90 stenographic, clerical, filing, mailing, order, purchasing, and advertising departments; stock 100 keeping, etc.; getting work done accurately and on time; fitting 110 office equipment to the workers; training and developing employees; how 120 to keep office work up to date by means of 130 Hunt progress charts; how to locate trouble and prevent its 140 recurrence; executive action based on facts not on opinions.

This¹⁵⁰ course will be given by Mr. Willis Hart, who is¹⁶⁰ well known as an industrial engineer. He has gone farther¹⁷⁰ in adapting

Hunt methods to the office than anybody else¹⁸⁰ in the field. The enclosed reprint will give you an¹⁹⁰ idea as to the methods he will teach.

The class²⁰⁰ will meet Friday evenings, 8:00 to 9:45, for²¹⁰ fifteen consecutive weeks—one semester—beginning Friday, September 24.²²⁰ Members of your organization are invited to attend the opening²³⁰ lecture.

The tuition fee for the course is \$20²⁴⁰ payable in advance. Enrollments for this course will be accepted²⁵⁰ now between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00²⁶⁰ p.m.

If you desire any further information please call, 270 write, or telephone the director.

Very truly yours, (278—1.60)

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Mr. Alexander E. Hunter 124 William Street Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of May 14,¹⁰ we wish to explain that, when considering adjustments, we cannot²⁰ permit ourselves to be guided by the volume of purchases³⁰ that a patron has made. We try to be absolutely⁴⁰ fair, judging each case by its individual merits.

If we⁵⁰ have made an error of judgment, we are willing to⁶⁰ reconsider our decision. We have therefore issued instructions to have⁷⁰ our driver call again for the comfortable about which there⁸⁰ has been previous correspondence.

We shall give the matter of 90 an adjustment further consideration as soon as the comfortable

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is¹⁰⁰ received in our establishment for inspection. We assure you that¹¹⁰ every effort will be made to make a satisfactory adjustment.¹²⁰

Yours very truly, (123-1.60)

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Wilkes-Barre Business College Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

Our association has an opening for a young man¹⁰ to become private secretary and assistant to the credit manager²⁰ of a large corporation. The requirements are a good knowledge³⁰ of shorthand and, if possible, some experience in credit work.⁴⁰ To the right man this position will develop into a⁵⁰ very fine opportunity in the credit department later on. The⁶⁰ acquaintance with the credit manager and with the details of⁷⁰ the work will be made through the position as private⁸⁰ secretary. It is necessary that the young man be about⁹⁰ twenty years of age. The salary offered will be about¹⁰⁰ \$35 per week.

Through your classes it occurred¹¹⁰ to us that it is quite possible that you can¹²⁰ put us in touch with the right young man. Anything¹³⁰ you can do will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly, 140 (140-1.60)

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Mr. J. T. Roberts

338 Van Buren Street Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Roberts:

We have heard nothing further from 10 you in reference to the envelope samples which we

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recently²⁰ submitted. As the records of no group of business or²³ professional men are more valuable than those of lawyers, and40 the preservation, safety, and availability of these records are of 50 the utmost importance, we feel that we did not stress⁶⁰ strongly enough the practical advantage of filing your papers in 70 envelopes rather than in open folders.

You have doubtless been 80 annoved and 2 sometimes embarrassed when papers that you wished to90 locate at once were either misfiled or lost. Filing your 100 papers in Fasthold envelopes eliminates loss or misfiling so far¹¹⁰ as it is humanly possible to do so. Furthermore, envelope¹²⁰ filing enables your papers to be carried from place to¹³⁰ place with perfect safety, and prevents them from having ragged¹⁴⁰ edges and a dirty and worn appearance.

A large number¹⁵⁰ of lawyers throughout the country have used our Fasthold envelopes160 for years for filing and mailing purposes, and are sending170 in duplicate orders regularly.

Won't you look up the samples180 we sent you? Give them a thorough test and place¹⁹⁰ a trial order with us now.

Yours truly, (198—1.60)

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Mr. A. F. Van Pelt

315 Empire Building

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Monday is "Opinion Day" in the Supreme Court¹⁰ of the United States.

Tuesday morning's papers almost invariably

contain²⁰ one or more items covering decisions of the court. The³⁰ great Press Associations send these out to newspapers all over⁴⁰ the country, because they believe that they are of interest⁵⁰ to all of the people.

How much more interesting they⁶⁰ are to the legal profession! But newspaper reports are usually⁷⁰ fragmentary and inaccurate, and the lawyer's information in regard to⁸⁰ the decisions must be complete and accurate.

The reports of our national court of last resort are doubtless the most valuable of the fifty-odd sets of reports published in this country, and fortunately they are among the least expensive to acquire.

The Supreme Court Reporter contains the decisions of this¹³⁰ court since 1882 in forty-four volumes,¹⁴⁰ published in twenty-seven books. The cost is remarkably low¹⁵⁰ and the set can be paid for in very convenient¹⁶⁰ instalments.

The current publications, consisting of semimonthly advance sheets and 170 the one yearly bound volume, cost only \$6.

Let¹⁸⁰ us send you a sample advance sheet and quote you¹⁹⁰ our instalment terms of payment on this set. The enclosed²⁰⁰ inquiry card will bring this information.

Yours very respectfully, (209—1.60)

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Mr. Roscoe C. Hill 239 River Street Port Huron, Michigan

Dear Sir:

State and municipal bonds, exempt from all

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Federal¹⁰ income taxes, should receive the careful consideration of investors desiring²⁰ the maximum of security, marketability, and a fair return from³⁰ their investments.

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As specialists in this class of securities, we⁴⁰ are in a position to give our prompt attention to⁵⁰ any inquiries, or shall be glad to furnish any information⁶⁰ you may desire regarding your investments.

We are always prepared⁷⁰ to submit a well-diversified list of tax-exempt bonds⁸⁰ suitable to meet the requirements of an investor. We are⁹⁰ now offering various issues of high-grade state and municipal¹⁰⁰ bonds yielding from 4.30 to 5 per¹¹⁰ cent.

It is possible we may be able to be¹²⁰ of service to you in this connection. We should be¹³⁰ very glad to confer with you at your convenience.

Yours¹⁴⁰ very truly, (142—1.61)

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Mr. Forrest E. Single 102 Hopkins Place

Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Mr. Single:

This letter, complete as you see¹⁰ it, was printed at one revolution, on the new addressing²⁰ multigraph. The address was filled in, the body of the³⁰ letter and also the signature printed, and the envelope addressed⁴⁰ in a single operation.

We believe that these four things⁵⁰ have never before been done by one machine in one⁶⁰ operation.

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posed on⁷⁰ the Multigraph Keyboard Composet, which composes the type automatically on⁸⁰ strip metal, through the operation of a typewriter keyboard. The⁹⁰ type in both address and letter is identical and, as¹⁰⁰ the printing is done through the same ribbon, at the¹¹⁰ same time, with the same pressure, the result is like¹²⁰ an individually typewritten letter.

This new multigraph equipment has already¹³⁰ aroused the intense interest of many well-known concerns. It¹⁴⁰ will doubtless revolutionize the production of form letters. You can¹⁵⁰ see the whole process demonstrated at any of our division¹⁶⁰ Offices. Write us for the address nearest to you.

Yours¹⁷⁰ very truly, (172—1.61)

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Mr. Roger W. Thompson 75 Central Avenue Yonkers, New York

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a clipping from the New¹⁰ York Banker of June 10 which deals with the popularity²⁰ of guaranteed mortgage certificates among attorneys, a subject which interests³⁰ you.

Guaranteed first mortgage certificates are in demand by attorneys⁴⁰ because they meet all the requirements of a small mortgage⁵⁰ investment and, at the same time, place within the means⁶⁰ of anyone a form of the security so popular with⁷⁰ the insurance companies and savings banks.

A further advantage is 80 that when an attor-

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ney recommends them there will be no⁹⁰ necessity for his watching the investment. We care for all¹⁰⁰ the papers in connection with such loans and our absolute¹¹⁰ guarantee, backed by our capital funds of nearly \$15,000,000,¹²⁰ relieves you of all responsibility.

The fact that in¹³⁰ all our transactions we are careful never to disturb the¹⁴⁰ relationship existing between attorney and client, thus retaining the control¹⁵⁰ of the investment in the hands of the lawyer, is¹⁶⁰ another reason for the noteworthy growth of this branch of¹⁷⁰ our service.

May we send you our current offerings? Very¹⁸⁰ truly yours, (182—1.61)

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Mr. William H. Dennis
356 Elm Street
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

Your Harrow machine was built with painstaking care¹⁰ and of the very best materials. Then, without charge, we²⁰ inspect, clean, and oil your machine regularly during the first³⁰ year, so that it gives you continuous operation.

Continuation of 40 this mechanical service is worthy of your consideration. It insures 50 uninterrupted use of your Harrow and prevents delay and inconvenience 60 in obtaining the figure information you need to make your 70 business more profitable. The Harrow maintenance agreement gives you this 80 kind of service at low cost.

It makes no difference of which of the long line of Harrow machines you own own adding,

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6. 2. Cos bookkeeping, calculating, or billing machines—you will find that¹¹⁰ the service rendered under the maintenance agreement keeps your equipment¹²⁰ in the best condition and protects your investment.

The inside¹³⁰ pages of this letter tell you more about the Harrow¹⁴⁰ service organization and what it means to Harrow owners—one¹⁵⁰ big reason why more than 1,000,000 Harrow machines have¹⁶⁰ been sold in all lines of business.

If you will¹⁷⁰ send us the enclosed postcard we will promptly furnish you¹⁸⁰ with further information of the Harrow maintenance agreement and how¹⁹⁰ it protects Harrow owners.

Yours very truly, (197-1.61)

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Mr. R. L. Le Grand 408 Iberville Street New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Our issue of Guaranteed 5½10 per cent Ten-Year Mortgage Bonds, Series 8, has been20 sold. On March 9 a circular covering this issue was30 sent to you. We are enclosing a description of our40 most recent issue, Series 9.

All of our series are⁵⁰ secured equally by first mortgages on conservatively appraised properties, mainly⁶⁰ homes and small business properties, which are broadly diversified among⁷⁰ carefully selected cities of the United States, and which are⁸⁰ assigned to the United Cities Trust Company as trustee. Each⁹⁰ of the series is a direct obligation of this company,¹⁰⁰ and all our

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bonds are therefore guaranteed by our entire¹¹⁰ capital and surplus.

This company is steadily increasing its business¹²⁰ with the most conservative type of banks in your section¹³⁰ of the country. Many banks are distributing the bonds to¹⁴⁰ investor-customers and, because of their unusual safety, find them¹⁵⁰ a most practical security to recommend. We allow banks a¹⁶⁰ concession of 1 per cent on all purchases.

We would¹⁷⁰ be pleased to include your bank among our growing list¹⁸⁰ of customers, and assure you that any orders you send¹⁹⁰ us will receive our prompt attention. Any further information you²⁰⁰ may desire will be furnished you gladly.

Very truly yours,²¹⁰ (210—1.61)

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Mr. F. D. Connor Fairview Avenue Bridgeport, Connecticut

My dear Mr. Connor:

Confident that you will be interested,¹⁰ I am sending you reproductions of a number of advertisements²⁰ which have recently appeared in the country life magazines. These³⁰ describe some most exceptional and desirable bargains in Westchester County,⁴⁰ and Greenwich, Connecticut.

Because of the rarity of these opportunities,⁵⁰ I am extremely desirous of having you examine these properties.⁶⁰ If, however, I am wrong in my assumption that you⁷⁰ are interested, you no doubt have some friends who are⁸⁰ interested, and I am sure you would be favoring them⁹⁰ as

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well as me if you submitted to them the 100 enclosed leaflet.

As you probably know, we have specialized for¹¹⁰ many years in estates in Westchester County and Greenwich, Connecticut.¹²⁰ Should you, therefore, not find any of the properties shown¹³⁰ in the enclosure suitable to your needs, I should deem¹⁴⁰ it a pleasure to submit a list of properties ranging¹⁵⁰ from small, but attractive, country homes to the largest and¹⁶⁰ most luxurious estates.

We also specialize in the exchange of 170 country property for income property in New York City.

We¹⁸⁰ hope to hear from you requesting further information or suggesting¹⁹⁰ the name of some friend to whom you wish information²⁰⁰ sent.

Very truly yours, (204—1.61)

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Messrs. J. S. Nicholson & Company 75 Broad Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The entire dealer and distributor organization of this company¹⁰ is now engaged in a new sales program, the details²⁰ of which, we believe, will interest you, because some Hyslop³⁰ dealer is either a present customer or a potential customer⁴⁰ of yours.

You will undoubtedly agree that there is no⁵⁰ group of business men, outside of the members of your⁶⁰ own organization, which is more interested in the sales methods⁷⁰ of Hyslop dealers than the bankers whose business is

affected, 80 directly or indirectly, by the dealer's success.

That is why⁹⁰ we feel that it is our responsibility to keep you¹⁰⁰ informed about our methods of cooperating with our dealers, and¹¹⁰ about our local dealer's efforts to cooperate with us.

The¹²⁰ new sales program we refer to is built around a¹³⁰ nation-wide direct-mail preselling campaign. At regular intervals a¹⁴⁰ series of personally addressed letters and attractive pieces of literature¹⁵⁰ is being mailed to a carefully selected list of individuals¹⁶⁰ who have the need for a motor car and the¹⁷⁰ means with which to buy a Hyslop.

We believe that¹⁸⁰ you will be interested in the campaign because it will¹⁹⁰ give you an excellent idea of the scientific merchandising methods²⁰⁰ employed by this company to help dealers make more money.²¹⁰ But you will undoubtedly be even more interested in the²²⁰ effect this campaign will have on our dealer—how it²³⁰ will help him to organize his own sales efforts and²⁴⁰ increase his sales.

With a better-organized and more effective²⁵⁰ sales plan, he will be sure of a better profit.²⁶⁰ Hyslop recognizes that its permanent manufacturing success depends upon the²⁷⁰ prosperity of its dealer organization, and because a prosperous dealer²⁸⁰ is a good customer for you, we feel sure of²⁹⁰ your interest in this program.

Consequently, we are going to³⁰⁰ take the liberty of writing you from time to time³¹⁰ as the campaign progresses, and sending you, in addition, copies³²⁰ of literature used in these mailings.

Very truly yours, (329—1.61)

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Mrs. Helen Barker

915 Monroe Street

Scranton, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

It is a pleasure to learn from Mr.¹⁰ Driscoll, our credit manager, that you have been offered the²⁰ facilities of our charge department.

He evidently explained the basic³⁰ principles we try to instill in our institution, thereby making⁴⁰ your visits friendly as well as profitable.

You profit by⁵⁰ concentrating your buying in a group of individual departments, where⁶⁰ you not only receive cooperation, but save time and money.⁷⁰

Permit me personally, then, to extend an invitation to you⁸⁰ to be a charge customer, so that our future relations⁹⁰ will not be of the cash and carry sort, but¹⁰⁰ friendly business visits.

Yours very truly, (106—1.62)

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Mr. John W. Sampson 943 North Leonard Street

Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

We have carefully reviewed the experience described in¹⁰ your letter of recent date and regret that your service²⁰ experience in the automotive industry is not what we require³⁰ at the present time.

A man entering the service department⁴⁰ of this company for an overseas assignment must

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have not50 only extensive service experience, but a well-rounded knowledge of 60 the service problems arising, and their relation to the sales⁷⁰ or merchandising situation.

We are retaining your application and, should80 an opening occur that we think would interest you, we⁹⁰ shall be pleased to get in touch with you.

Yours¹⁰⁰ very truly, (102—1.62)

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The Economy Store 723 Dickson Street Baltimore, Maryland

Gentlemen:

We note what you say in reference to our¹⁰ new embroidery book. Apparently you have overlooked the fact that20 we announced some time ago we would discontinue the fashion30 quarterly with the summer number, owing to our publishing Excellent⁴⁰ Magazine. The book which you received, therefore, is really not⁵⁰ a fashion quarterly, but an embroidery book, and the new60 styles shown therein were simply an added feature.

> We have, 70 however, given careful consideration to your criticism, so the next80 issue will contain a large array of fashion illustrations as90 well as embroidery designs.

> We hope that you will give 100 the current book as prominent a display as possible, as 110 it contains attractive features which will make sales for you¹²⁰ if you bring it to the attention of the women¹³⁰ who enter your store.

We believe you will appreciate our 140 readiness to consider seriously any well-directed criticism. We thank 150 you for the interest which prompted your letter.

Very truly¹⁶⁰ yours, (161—1.62)

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Head Master, The Ridgefield School Ridgefield, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

Again we solicit consideration in connection with the ¹⁰ opening order for the Ridgefield School this year. Our facilities ²⁰ for serving you improve each succeeding year and we have, ³⁰ through your continued patronage, acquired a knowledge of your requirements ⁴⁰ and ideas that enables us to give you the very ⁵⁰ best service.

You may also depend upon securing the utmost⁶⁰ in value that our organization affords. Giving personal attention to⁷⁰ your orders is a matter of pleasure to the writer.⁸⁰

We thank you for past favors and await your further⁹⁰ pleasure.

Very truly yours, (94-1.63)

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Mrs. Elsie Keller

104 Federal Street

Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Madam:

On Thursday, June 25, we shall hold¹⁰ a private sale of women's dresses from our superb regular²⁰ stocks that were originally priced \$45 to

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\$85.30 These are all new models of the better⁴⁰ kind, exquisitely made. Summer's favored fabrics are shown in most⁵⁰ charming fashions.

The collection includes dresses for practically every daytime⁶⁰ occasion in loveliest qualities of georgettes, chiffons, silks, flowered crepes,⁷⁰ and laces. In every instance, the fabrics are of the⁸⁰ choicest and the workmanship is faultless—perfect to the last⁹⁰ detail.

We hope that you will consider this a personal invitation. We advise an early selection. Very truly yours, (109—1.63)

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Atlantic Appraisals Company 145 Delaware Avenue Buffalo, New York

Gentlemen:

I wish to express my appreciation of the most¹⁰ satisfactory work done through your office in connection with the²⁰ inventory taken of the household furnishings at my home, 17³⁰ Summer Street, Buffalo, in May, 1927.

Soon⁴⁰ after the completion of this work I suffered a serious⁵⁰ loss by fire, and the inventory was of great value⁶⁰ in adjusting the loss.

The insurance companies and adjusters did⁷⁰ not question your figures, and because of the inventory, and⁸⁰ approval of insurance companies and those in charge of work⁹⁰ following the fire, I have been able to make the¹⁰⁰ adjustment in a manner that would not have been possible¹¹⁰ without this valuable inventory.

Yours truly, (116-1.63)

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Mr. Nelson Shields

2112 Amherst Street

Butte, Montana

Dear Mr. Shields:

Mr. John Jones, who has recently joined¹⁰ the advertising division of the United Motors Export Company, has²⁰ given your name as a reference.

We should very much³⁰ appreciate such information as you could give us in regard⁴⁰ to his automotive experience, business background, character, and general standing⁵⁰ in the community, or anything else of a personal nature⁶⁰ which you think will be of use to us or⁷⁰ to him in his connection with this company. This information,⁸⁰ of course, will be held in confidence by us.

We⁹⁰ shall appreciate your cooperation.

Very truly yours, (97—1.63)

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Business Men

Second and Burroughs Avenue Detroit, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Sherman and Bryan, as perhaps you know, are now¹⁰ firmly established at the above address, a complete advertising unit,²⁰ equipped to render service in both commercial and financial fields²⁰ without calling on their other offices.

Our personnel here is 40 second to that of no other agency in the New 50 England territory. In a short time we have developed considerable 60

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business and are now working on several important accounts, some⁷⁰ of which will undoubtedly advertise in general magazines.

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We are⁸⁰ still receiving mail addressed to the Hepner Company, which agency⁹⁰ we took over. We should like to be sure that¹⁰⁰ we receive your publication regularly for our files, and shall¹¹⁰ appreciate it if you would see that the Boston address¹²⁰ of Sherman and Bryan is on your mailing list.

Very¹³⁰ truly yours, (132—1.63)

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Mr. Harry A. Lane

1264 Boundary Street

Bound Brook, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Many recent improvements have greatly increased the value¹⁰ and added to the smoothness of performance of Hodge Brothers²⁰ motor cars. A few of the more important are illustrated³⁰ and described in the enclosed folder.

Each of these changes⁴⁰ and refinements is in accord with Hodge Brothers eleven-year-⁵⁰old policy of constantly improving the standard basic design.

This⁶⁰ policy has saved Hodge Brothers owners countless millions of dollars⁷⁰ they would have lost in depreciation had Hodge Brothers followed⁸⁰ the common practice of offering radically changed annual models.

These⁹⁰ improvements and this policy assure you the greatest value in¹⁰⁰ Hodge Brothers' history and a higher resale value after a¹¹⁰ period

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of service—whether it be one year, five years, 120 ten years, or longer.

May we at your convenience explain¹³⁰ the importance of the many improvements?

Yours truly, (138—1.63)

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Messrs. M. I. Goldsmith & Company 1250 Broad Street Elkhart, Indiana

Gentlemen:

The Hepner Company has called our attention to an¹0 account they have against you, which is now overdue, amounting²0 to \$529.48. We³0 are informed that repeated efforts have been made to get⁴0 payment of this sum without success.

The Plymouth Guarantee and⁵⁰ Accident Company, Ltd., issues policies insuring accounts, and in accordance⁶⁰ with the terms thereof it is necessary to acquaint us⁷⁰ with the fact when debtors are not paying accounts as⁸⁰ they mature. You can appreciate that an insurance company cannot⁹⁰ continue protection on debtors who are not fulfilling their obligations.¹⁰⁰ Bills must be paid promptly to insure good standing; otherwise¹¹⁰ methods must be adopted to enforce payment.

We are continually¹²⁰ being called upon to insure credits all over the country¹³⁰ and our records are our guides. We, therefore, request that¹⁴⁰ you mail a check immediately to cover the above amount,¹⁵⁰ or send it direct to the creditor; otherwise we shall¹⁶⁰ be compelled to send the claim to our attorney for¹⁷⁰ action.

Yours very truly, (174—1.63)

Messrs. Peat & Company 25 East Huron Street Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Attention of Mr. James A. Peat, President

The enclosed¹⁰ motto, for many years the slogan of the Austin Company,²⁰ expressed so well the attitude of big executives toward their³⁰ day's problems that it has passed into something of a⁴⁰ business axiom. We think you may care to slip it⁵⁰ under the glass of your desk. A larger size, suitable⁶⁰ for framing, will be mailed upon request.

Business in the⁷⁰ construction industry is usually very erratic, but by following our⁸⁰ motto, "Results Not Excuses," we have brought our business curve⁹⁰ to a reasonably even level and with a continuous upward¹⁰⁰ trend.

This has been accomplished by foresight and delivering satisfactory¹¹⁰ jobs to our clients. We are proud to say in¹²⁰ this connection that the percentage of our repeat business is¹³⁰ very high.

Our business has been obtained, to the greatest¹⁴⁰ extent, by taking upon our shoulders complete responsibility for entire¹⁵⁰ building projects. This includes, under one contract, design, construction, and¹⁶⁰ equipment. Besides the workmanship and quality of materials, it guarantees¹⁷⁰ a stated cost and a definite date of delivery.

For¹⁸⁰ the construction of a branch plant or warehouse in Buffalo,¹⁹⁰ Chicago, Dallas, or Seattle, we are ready to serve you²⁰⁰ through thirteen Austin offices from coast to coast. For

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5,000²¹⁰ or 500,000 square feet of space we²²⁰ will submit costs and valuable building data immediately without obligation.²⁸⁰

Very truly yours, (233—1.63)

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Mr. Paul K. Owen
65 Union Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

You now have life insurance in the Tourists¹⁰ Insurance Company. During the month of June, 1927,²⁰ we offer you as a policyholder the unusual opportunity³⁰ of applying for as much as \$10,000 additional⁴⁰ by using a special form of application which in all⁵⁰ but a few instances is sufficient to enable us to⁶⁰ issue a policy without new medical examination.

If your application ⁷⁰ should happen to be one of the few where an ⁸⁰ examination appears essential, you will be so informed upon receipt ⁹⁰ of the application at this office.

Following the present-day¹⁰⁰ trend you have no doubt a definite insurance program to¹¹⁰ provide for your family, for yourself in later life, for¹²⁰ inheritance taxes, and for the children's education, or for other¹³⁰ responsibilities which modern civilization places upon us all.

This is¹⁴⁰ an opportunity to take one more step with a minimum¹⁵⁰ of effort toward obtaining at a guaranteed low rate additional¹⁶⁰ insurance in furtherance of your program.

We have requested our¹⁷⁰ agent with whom you are already acquainted to see you¹⁸⁰ during

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the month of June and advise you regarding the ¹⁹⁰ form of contract best fitted to meet the contingencies for ²⁰⁰ which you wish to provide.

Ask him to tell you²¹⁰ about a new contract recently devised by this company which²²⁰ may exactly suit your insurance needs. If he fails to²³⁰ call, would you mind dropping me a line.

Very truly²⁴⁰ yours, (241—1.63)

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Mr. Lawrence Scudder
92 Arch Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

As an expert in the management of your¹⁰ own business, you are undoubtedly impressed with the fact that²⁰ long and specialized training is necessary to success in it,³⁰ and that an attempt on the part of an 'inexperienced⁴⁰ individual or group to manage your factory or office would⁵⁰ be suicidal. We know that precisely the same conditions obtain⁶⁰ in our business, and we view with serious concern any⁷⁰ tendency to disregard the fact that the greatest safety in⁸⁰ the investment of funds cannot be obtained other than through⁹⁰ eminent investment counsel.

There have been radical changes in the¹⁰⁰ forms of investment during the last forty years. It may¹¹⁰ almost be said, indeed, that bonds as a class have¹²⁰ attained their entire development in popularity during that period, because¹³⁰ prior to 1881 the number of bond investors was¹⁴⁰ so small as to be negligible in proportion to the¹⁵⁰ mighty army that may now be included in that category.¹⁶⁰

And it is a certainty that this increase in popularity¹⁷⁰ could not have occurred if bonds had not proved themselves¹⁸⁰ to be a consistently dependable investment vehicle, good times and¹⁹⁰ bad.

Coincident with this almost miraculous development in the bond²⁰⁰-buying habit has occurred the growth of this concern. With²¹⁰ us, too, there have been many changes which have been²²⁰ necessitated by the economic variations during the last half century.²³⁰ In superficial detail, our business today differs widely from our²⁴⁰ business in the eighties; but in fundamental principles, in our²⁵⁰ policies for the protection of our investors, and in our²⁶⁰ precepts of integrity, we still adhere to the standards of²⁷⁰ conservatism as established when this business was founded in 1882,²⁸⁰

We hope it may some time suit your²⁹⁰ convenience to accept our cooperation with regard to the placing³⁰⁰ of your investment funds.

Very truly yours, (307—1,63)

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Mr. Morris A. Beer 155 West Eighth Street New York, New York My dear Mr. Beer:

I regret my inability to attend¹⁰ the entertainment to be given by the Dramatic Society on²⁰ May 26, as I have definitely committed myself for³⁰ that evening. I am, therefore, returning the ticket which you⁴⁰ sent me. Please accept my thanks for your kindness.

Yours⁵⁰ very truly, (52-1.64)

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New York Ledger Christmas Fund New York City

Gentlemen:

We are glad to enclose a check for 10 \$4,749.95, which 20 represents the entire amount we have received to date in 30 connection with our Benefit last Sunday night for your excellent 40 charity.

We have expressed our deep gratitude to all of⁵⁰ the artists who participated in the bill, to the various⁶⁰ managers who cooperated, and to everyone else who so generously⁷⁰ responded with their services and assistance.

We also acknowledged the⁸⁰ contributions made after the appeal by the master of ceremonies.⁹⁰

We hope that the thousands of poor families who are¹⁰⁰ to be aided will derive as much pleasure from Christmas¹¹⁰ as we are enjoying in sending this check.

Yours sincerely, 120 (120-1.64)

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The Alexander MacKay Company 228 Delaware Avenue Buffalo, New York

Gentlemen:

We send you the enclosed copy and complete layout¹⁰ of the advertisement that is scheduled for insertion in the²⁰ Commercial Weekly.

This letter is not an order; please refer³⁰ to your files for correct date and authorization to insert.⁴⁰

202 2002 2006 Our order department has taken up the matter of position⁵⁰ with your advertising department, and we respectfully refer you to⁶⁰ this record. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Kindly acknowledge⁷⁰ receipt of these instructions.

Very truly yours, (77—1.65)

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Mr. L. B. Mann

112 Lyon Street Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Sir:

We thank you very much for calling our¹⁰ attention to the annoyance to which you have been subjected²⁰ with regard to the tobacco jar and ash tray that³⁰ you purchased around the Christmas holidays.

Our reason for not⁴⁰ offering a credit allowance is not because of the loss⁵⁰ of a sale in that particular department, but because so⁶⁰ doing would constitute an infraction of certain fundamental rules which⁷⁰ it has been necessary to adopt.

Upon investigation, we find⁸⁰ that the merchandise referred to was returned on January 15,⁹⁰ and the time limit in which gifts could be accepted¹⁰⁰ for credit expired on December 31. Another policy bearing on¹¹⁰ this transaction is that we cannot accept merchandise for exchange,¹²⁰ credit, or refund if it has been out of our¹³⁰ establishment more than seven days.

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your purchase were unfortunate, but when we offered¹⁵⁰ to permit a new selection in the same department this,¹⁶⁰ in itself, was a special concession. Were we to deviate¹⁷⁰ from our set rules to the extent of permitting a¹⁸⁰ credit allowance it would be decidedly unfair to other patrons¹⁹⁰ who might make similar requests under similar circumstances.

In view²⁰⁰ of this, we regret that we can take no action²¹⁰ other than that suggested, to permit the exchange of this²²⁰ merchandise should it prove to be in perfect condition, for²³⁰ something else of like value in the same department.

Yours²⁴⁰ very truly, (242—1.65)

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To the Members of the Faculty New York University New York, New York

The Advisory Committee of *New York*, a weekly journal which¹⁰ will soon be published by this University, are glad to²⁰ call your attention to the enclosed prospectus. At their suggestion³⁰ a subscription blank is also enclosed.

It is the hope⁴⁰ of all of us who are acquainted with the details⁵⁰ of this novel undertaking that *New York* will perform an⁶⁰ exceptional service. The paper will endeavor to focus the literary⁷⁰ and scientific resources of the University on current events and ⁰⁸ideas. It will deal with the high points of the⁹⁰ week's news and bring authoritative information to the discussion of¹⁰⁰ problems which are engaging the attention of the intelligent citizen.¹¹⁰ Nothing quite like this is now done.

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Needless to say,¹²⁰ New York should be of special interest to members of ¹³⁰ the faculty of New York University, many of whom will ¹⁴⁰ naturally wish to contribute to its columns.

Advisory Committee (149-1.65)

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Mr. Henry Fuller 332 Everett Street Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

You are undoubtedly aware of the difficulty, under¹⁰ present conditions, of obtaining high-grade securities with a profit²⁰ commensurate with the cost and effort of distributing them.

Dealers³⁰ have complained to us that they have found it very⁴⁰ difficult to secure satisfactory participations in recent syndicates, and even⁵⁰ when able to procure a reasonable amount of bonds through⁶⁰ this channel the amount of profit continues to decrease. With⁷⁰ this in mind we again call your attention to a⁸⁰ class of public utility securities in which the public interest⁹⁰ is rapidly growing, viz., cumulative preferred stocks of operating companies.¹⁰⁰

We are one of the pioneer houses in the distribution¹¹⁰ of these preferred stocks, and over a long period have¹²⁰ placed a great many issues. Many of our dealers have¹³⁰ participated in our preferred stock issues with success, and the¹⁴⁰ demand for them is increasing from both dealers and investors.¹⁵⁰

You probably know the success electric light and power companies¹⁶⁰ have had in distributing

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their stocks in their territory, and the strong position in which this places the companies. If 180 you will observe the careful restrictions covering the issuance of 190 these stocks, and the strong position of many of them, 200 we are sure you will agree with us that this 210 type of security is well worth your consideration.

Good profits 220 can still be made in these

Good profits²²⁰ can still be made in these securities and participations in²³⁰ original issues such as we have handled in the past²⁴⁰ can be obtained in relatively small amounts. In the event²⁵⁰ you have never sold any preferred stocks this will give²⁶⁰ you an opportunity to enter this field with but little²⁷⁰ risk.

We should be pleased to have you investigate any²⁸⁰ of the issues we have brought out. Our statistical department²⁹⁰ will be glad to furnish you with information concerning any³⁰⁰ other securities in which you might be interested. We have³¹⁰ considerable statistical data relative to this type of security.

Yours³²⁰ very truly, (322—1.65)

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Mr. Alex F. Osborn
65 Lawrence Street
Lowell, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

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Mr. Wheeler's resignation from the company's service leaves¹⁰ us all with a distinct sense of personal loss. His²⁰ genial personality, neverquestioned integrity, and keen intellect have for³⁰ many years made pleasant and profitable the day's work of⁴⁰ all who have been privileged to be

associated with him.⁵⁰ That success must always accompany one of his capacity is⁶⁰ certain—may complete happiness be his as well.

In assuming⁷⁰ the duties of superintendent of the bonding department, I wish⁸⁰ to send this brief message to you in the field⁹⁰ who have so ably promoted our bonding business in the¹⁰⁰ past. Under Mr. Wheeler's able management the department has shown¹¹⁰ a sound and steady growth for nearly twenty years. That¹²⁰ growth has been due to whole-hearted cooperation between the¹³⁰ home office and the agency force, and that cooperation is¹⁴⁰ going to continue.

Please be assured that in pledging the¹⁵⁰ entire departmental staff to an intelligent and aggressive promotion of our mutual interests I am not employing an empty form¹⁷⁰ of words. We shall make mistakes, but they will never be due to an insufficient desire to furnish the service which you have a right to expect from us. We²⁰⁰ shall inevitably, at times, feel compelled to decline business which you perhaps rightly deem acceptable; but such a declination will²²⁰ never be given without reluctance, without a thorough consideration of all aspects of the matter, and without an explanation of why we consider such action necessary.

Prompt service from the²⁵⁰ home office is a prime requisite to successful competition for²⁶⁰ bonding business. I have realized this throughout my years in²⁷⁰ the surety division of the department, and have always made²⁸⁰ an earnest effort to furnish it. That will be the²⁹⁰ policy of the department, and I will always appreciate your³⁰⁰ asking me to give my personal considera-

tion to any matter, 310 however unimportant in itself, which in your judgment is not320 receiving adequate attention.

Very truly yours, (326—1.65)

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Mr. Fred L. Stanton Statler Building, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

We appreciate and value your patronage of the 10 classified columns of the Boston News Press, as evidenced by²⁰ your advertisement, for which we are billing you.

With so³⁰ great a number of classified advertisements as we print, the40 opening of separate charge accounts would be impractical. On certain⁵⁰ classifications a temporary charge is made and that courtesy has60 been extended in your case.

Please assist us in continuing⁷⁰ this service by paying the enclosed bill promptly, today if80 possible.

Truly yours, (83—1.66)

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Mr. Charles C. Gibson 206 Hedden Building Billings, Montana

Dear Sir:

We have been requested to issue a bondid guaranteeing the safety of a deposit to be made in20 the bank named below. We desire to have your opinion30 as to the standing and respon-

sibility of the bank, and40 as to business conditions generally in the territory served by50 the bank.

Are the directors solid, reputable business men? Are60 any of them politicians who might be able to obtain public deposits for their bank by reason of their political⁸⁰ influence, and who might conceivably borrow such funds for their 90 private purposes without giving the bank adequate security? Are any¹⁰⁰ of the directors promoters of private enterprises requiring unusual financial110 support?

Are industrial or agricultural conditions in the area served¹²⁰ by the bank good, or if subnormal do present indications¹³⁰ warrant a confident expectation of improvement in the near

future?140

We will pay you a fee of \$3 for 150 your information, if that will be satisfactory.

As we may 160 hold up the matter pending the receipt of your instructions, 170 we hope that you can make it convenient to answer¹⁸⁰ by an early mail.

Yours truly, (186—1.67)

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Mr. George Taylor

474 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

The Tourists Insurance Company, through specially selected agents,10 are now prepared to accept life insurance up to \$10,000,20 without - medical examination.

You must realize that the³⁰ issuance of insur

ance without medical examination must be limited. I40 have, however, been fortunate in having assigned to me a⁵⁰ sufficient allotment that will be able to take care of 60 those whom I specially recommend.

I should appreciate an opportunity 70 of explaining the plan in detail and I am enclosing80 a return card so that you may advise when I 90 may call.

This offer is subject to recall at any100 time,

so I would advise you to act quickly. Yours¹¹⁰ very truly, (112-1.68)

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Mr. Wesley Cole

114 Park Avenue

New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Individuality in a bank is quickly sensed. Though¹⁰ difficult to describe, we all recognize its existence as surely²⁰ as we know there is individuality among people.

To the30 peculiar individuality of the Park Avenue Bank we feel the40 larger portion of its success is due. This, we believe, 50 accounts for the fact that nearly 50 per cent of 60 new accounts comes through our own depositors. We have served70 this neighborhood for more than fortyfive years and know80 our clientele thoroughly, many of them intimately. Their wants have 90 been studied and anticipated, and we believe our service to100 be unexcelled.

Conservative methods, complete facilities for banking needs, many110 personal conveniences, 2 ks

and a solicitous regard for the interests of 120 depositors have resulted in making us many warm friends.

We¹³⁰ cannot describe the individuality of the bank, but we believe¹⁴⁰ it will appeal to you. We cordially invite you to¹⁵⁰ call.

Yours very truly, (154-1.69)

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Messrs. Parks & Weiss 438 Fulton Street Buffalo, New York

Gentlemen:

Your volume of sales depends largely on how well¹⁰ your firm name and your products impress your actual and²⁰ possible customers.

A woven label is your personal representative outside³⁰ of your factory and serves as an effective advertising medium⁴⁰ to increase the value of your firm name. Woven labels⁵⁰ afford wider circulation of your firm name than any printed⁶⁰ publication.

Artistic woven labels should be attached to every article⁷⁰ you sell. They act as silent salesmen. Through the medium⁸⁰ of a conspicuous artistic woven label, the consumer is automatically⁹⁰ directed to your firm when needing your products. Remember artistic¹⁰⁰ woven labels outwear the garments which they identify.

It is¹¹⁰ our belief that today's available prices represent the lowest which¹²⁰ will be obtainable for the next six months, and this¹³⁰ belief prompts us to encourage immediate buying for the future.¹⁴⁰

Always have a full year's supply of woven

labels on 150 hand. Look over your present supply and order now.

Very¹⁶⁰ truly yours, (162—1.70)

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Mr. J. C. Diehl, Principal Erie High School Erie, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

The organization of the National Athletic Scholarship Society¹⁰ was perfected at the annual meeting in Washington, D. C.,²⁰ the last week in February.

The executive committee of the³⁰ National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations voted unanimously⁴⁰ to recommend that the Federation at its next meeting adopt⁵⁰ a policy of sponsoring the National Athletic Scholarship Society.

With⁶⁰ such support the society hopes to be able to foster⁷⁰ higher scholarship among the athletes in a larger number of ⁸⁰ high schools in the United States. The standard of eligibility ⁹⁰ makes it possible for the majority of athletes to work ¹⁰⁰ for the honor of membership in the society. The star ¹¹⁰ athletes and the excellent pupils have always received recognition, but ¹²⁰ the boys who have worked for places on the athletic ¹³⁰ teams, at the same time holding up their scholarship, have ¹⁴⁰ scarcely been noticed. With this goal in mind, the society ¹⁵⁰ has already organized chapters in three hundred sixty-nine high ¹⁶⁰ schools in forty-two states.

Every effort has been made¹⁷⁰ to minimize

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the amount of work that must be done¹⁸⁰ in order for a school to take advantage of the ¹⁹⁰ society. Consequently, your only duty is to fill out and²⁰⁰ return the eligibility blank with the required charter and membership²¹⁰ dues. You will then receive a charter, a large bulletin²²⁰ poster announcing the names of the boys elected to membership,²³⁰ membership cards, and an official order blank for emblems.

The²⁴⁰ advisory committee hopes that the society will function in practically²⁵⁰ every first-class high school. If you wish to cooperate²⁶⁰ in this movement for "higher scholarship among athletes," please fill²⁷⁰ out the enclosed eligibility blank and mail at once.

Very²⁸⁰ truly yours, (282—1.70)

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Subject: Premium Agreements Mr. Charles J. Haig 524 Second Street Daytona, Florida

Dear Sir:

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With discreditable frequency, when an attempt is made¹⁰ to enforce the collection of bonding premiums due us, it²⁰ is found that the premium-payment contract embodied in the³⁰ application has not been completed properly, and we are therefore⁴⁰ without any enforceable agreement for the payment of definite premiums.⁵⁰ This laxness has prevented the collection of thousands of dollars⁶⁰ of premiums to which we are justly entitled, and our⁷⁰ practices in regard to the matter must be corrected immediately.⁸⁰

Fidelity bonds may be canceled if premiums are not paid, 90 though the matter is of minor importance in connection with 100 license bonds and similar obligations carrying trifling premiums; but it 110 is one of extreme importance in connection with contract, court, 120 probate, and other obligations calling for substantial premiums.

Hereafter no¹³⁰ application for such a risk will be accepted by the¹⁴⁰ home office until the agreement for the payment of the¹⁵⁰ premium has been clearly and properly completed.

Yours truly, (159—1.71)

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Mr. William J. Caldwell 149 Tulson Street New York, New York

My dear Mr. Caldwell:

We are very grateful indeed to¹⁰ you for your letter of March 25 which was²⁰ preceded by telephone information from your office concerning J. Rose³⁰, 720 Broadway, who is interested in the Linograph.⁴⁰

We are sorry to inform you that this particular prospect⁵⁰ is not a very good one for us, as he⁶⁰ is in the second-hand office appliance business, specializing very⁷⁰ largely in Linographs.

This does not, however, in any way⁸⁰ reduce our appreciation of your thoughtfulness in giving us this⁹⁰ information so promptly.

We know that you, too, will appreciate¹⁰⁰ the information regarding this person because he doubtless is dealing¹¹⁰ in other machines as well.

Yours very cordially, (118-1.73)

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Mr. Fred D. Yates
31 Meadow Street
Utica, New York

Dear Sir:

At the request of the eastern representative of the Darrow publications, your name is being added to the complimentary mailing lists of Business Men and the Darrow Clearing House, beginning with the April issues. If copies do not reach you promptly and regularly, a line from you will assure our immediate attention.

Business Men, published exclusively for executives, 60 is devoted to the description of methods that are proving 70 profit makers for business executives throughout the country. The Darrow 80 Clearing House performs a like function for bank executives. You 90 will find much of interest and worth in these publications. 100

We believe, incidentally, that your reading of the magazines will¹¹⁰ convince you beyond doubt of their value to you as¹²⁰ advertising media. If there is any particular aspect of these¹³⁰ publications in which you may be specially interested, we shall¹⁴⁰ be glad to give you detailed information about it.

Yours¹⁵⁰ very truly, (152-1.74)

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Mr. Frederick C. Clark
365 West End Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

We cordially invite you to become a de-

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positor¹⁰ of the Park Avenue Bank of New York.

The bank²⁰ is homelike and your contact with the officers and clerical³⁰ staff will be of a distinctly personal and serviceable nature.⁴⁰ Nearly fifty years spent in helping the people of Fifth⁵⁰ Avenue and environs in their banking problems has, we think,⁶⁰ developed a service of unusual value to depositors. Conservatism always⁷⁰ has characterized the bank's management. Our location on Park Avenue⁸⁰ at Fiftyfourth Street is convenient for shopping, business, and⁹⁰ amusement.

Among our facilities are a regular banking department; a¹⁰⁰ trust department, through which we act as executor, trustee, guardian,¹¹⁰ and in other fiduciary relationships; a foreign department; safe deposit¹²⁰ vaults; a department for the care and custody of securities,¹³⁰ an income tax department, etc.

If inconvenient to call, we¹⁴⁰ can easily arrange the opening of your account by mail. ¹⁵⁰

We shall be pleased to answer your inquiries. Very truly¹⁶⁰ yours, (161—1.74)

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Central Chemical Company 146 Columbus Avenue Columbus, Ohio

Gentlemen:

The problem of the employer has been greatly complicated¹⁰ by indiscriminate hiring. By watching your process of selection and²⁰ insisting that each person hired has qualifications which will make³⁰ him valuable to you five years hence, many of your⁴⁰ problems might be eliminated.

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With this thought in mind we⁵⁰ are pleased to inform you that we have secured the⁶⁰ candidacy of a man whose training and experience have placed⁷⁰ him beyond the experimental stage. In the capacity of plant⁸⁰ manager, superintendent, or chemical director his services would be of⁹⁰ definite value.

He is college trained, and has had eight¹⁰⁰ years of research, laboratory, and plant experience. He is at¹¹⁰ present associated with a leading organization as chief chemist and¹²⁰ assistant superintendent.

Our client is twenty-eight years old, married, and in excellent health, possessing the initiative, force, and ability to assume a big responsibility.

If executive changes are in¹⁵⁰ prospect permit us to send you full particulars of his¹⁶⁰ business record. It contains interesting evidence of his ability.

May¹⁷⁰ we hear from you, without obligating yourself in any way?¹⁸⁰

Very truly yours, (183—1.74)

PART III

A VARIETY OF SELECTIONS ON COMMERCIAL TRAINING CHOSEN FROM SPEECHES, ESSAYS, AND BOOKS



RUN YOUR BUSINESS

One type of business man that is always interesting is 10 the man who does not let his business drive him, 20 but who does the driving himself He does not let30 himself be driven by details, but he arranges his work⁴⁰ so that important things wait for him and unimportant ones50 take care of themselves. He does not sit at a60 desk all day taking care of things in the order 70 of their arrival. He uses a desk as a place 80 for letters, papers, and telegrams to accumulate until he gets⁹⁰ ready to look at them. When he comes in after 100 a two-hour conference on some important new and undeveloped110 matter he glances over his mail, opens a few letters,120 puts a handful of orangeand-blue nine-page folders130 in the wastebasket, tells the office boy to get a140 few numbers on the telephone for him, calls a stenographer¹⁵⁰ and gives a few letters, and has a few words160 with half a dozen callers and assistants while he holds170 his hat in his hand; and within thirty minutes after 180 he came in he is out again rounding up something 190 else that won't come in by itself.

Of course, every²⁰⁰ man can't work that way. The nature of some work²¹⁰ is entirely different. But it is interesting to watch such²²⁰ a man, and to notice that he does not let²³⁰ his work govern

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him unduly. Perhaps many who find themselves²⁴⁰ hard pressed with detail can learn a lesson by contemplating²⁵⁰ the methods of this type of business man.—W. P. Warren, "Thoughts on Business." (258–1.35)

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WHAT AND HOW TO READ

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The good book of the hour, then-I do not10 speak of the bad ones—is simply the useful or²⁰ pleasant talk of some person whom you cannot otherwise converse³⁰ with, printed for you. Very useful often, telling you what40 you need to know; very pleasant often, as a sensible friend's present talk would be. These bright accounts of travels;60 good-humored and witty discussions of questions; lively or pathetic⁷⁰ story-telling in the form of a novel; firm fact80 telling, by the real agents concerned in the events of 90 passing history;—all these books of the hour, multiplying among¹⁰⁰ us as education becomes more general, are a peculiar characteristic110 and possession of the present age; we ought to be120 entirely thankful for them, and entirely ashamed of ourselves if 130 we make no good use of them. But we make¹⁴⁰ the worst possible use, if we allow them to usurp¹⁵⁰ the place of true books: for, strictly speaking, they are160 not books at all, but merely letters or newspapers in¹⁷⁰ good print. Our friend's letter may be delightful, or necessary, 180 today; whether worth keeping or not is to be considered. 190 The newspaper may be entirely proper at breakfast time, but200 assuredly it is (2-300. 300. not reading for all day. So, though²¹⁰ bound up in a volume, the long letter which gives²²⁰ you so pleasant an account of the inns, and roads,²³⁰ and weather last year at such a place, or which²⁴⁰ tells you that amusing story, or gives you the real²⁵⁰ circumstances of such and such events, however valuable for occasional²⁶⁰ reference, may not be, in the real sense of the²⁷⁰ word, a "book" at all, nor, in the real sense,²⁸⁰ to be "read."— *John Ruskin.* (283–1.40)

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WRITTEN CONTRACTS

Practically every transaction first takes the form of a verbal¹⁰ agreement, even those involving large sums of money. This is²⁰ followed by a written instrument confirming what has been agreed³⁰ to verbally. This instrument is called a "written contract," or⁴⁰ simply a "contract." All of the conditions are set down⁵⁰ in proper form and each party then affixes his signature⁶⁰ at the end. Although not necessary, these signatures are witnessed⁷⁰ in order to prove their validity should either party try⁸⁰ to disprove his act. Usually two copies are executed, one⁹⁰ for each party.

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This form of procedure is best where 100 very large sums are involved, where labor is to be 110 performed, or where the parties are not well known to 120 each other through acquaintance of reputation. It would be the 130 best form in all cases were it not too cumbersome. 140 It is evident that, in the case just cited, the 150 housewife

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would not wish to enter into a formal contract¹⁶⁰ each time she wished to make a purchase other than¹⁷⁰ one for cash. So, also, no business house would find¹⁸⁰ it convenient to make this form of contract for the¹⁹⁰ numerous purchases which it may make in the course of²⁰⁰ the day. Hence, we find the use of orders.

The²¹⁰ seller having sent in a written quotation, an offer to²²⁰ deliver certain things in consideration of certain payments by the²³⁰ buyer, the buyer may write his acceptance of this quotation,²⁴⁰ that is to say, he may "order" the seller to²⁵⁰ proceed in accordance with his quotation. The quotation and the²⁶⁰ order, taken together, comprise the contract. The virtue of this²⁷⁰ method lies in the ease of its execution. The buyer²⁸⁰ does not have to submit any papers to the seller²⁹⁰ for signature other than his direction to proceed, that is³⁰⁰ to say, his order.—*C. S. Rindsfoos*, "*Purchasing*." (304–1.40)

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PERSISTENCE LEADS TO SUCCESS

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Many lives are filled with half-finished tasks which were 10 begun with enthusiasm but dropped in a little while because 20 the enthusiastic beginners did not have enough grit to carry 30 them to a conclusion. How easy it is for all 40 of us to start a thing when the mind is 50 aglow with zeal, before disappointment or failure has dulled the 60 ambition. It doesn't take much ability or any special strength 70 of character to begin a thing, and we cannot estimate 80 the value of a man by

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the number of things⁹⁰ he commences. Nor do we judge him by his speed¹⁰⁰ at the beginning of the race; it is the home¹¹⁰ stretch that counts/

The real test of a man's character¹²⁰ is in his ability to persist in what he thinks¹³⁰ is worth while to undertake until he adds the finishing¹⁴⁰ stroke. He must have persistence, grit, and stick-to-it-¹⁵⁰ iveness enough to carry him under the line at the¹⁶⁰ last heat. The ability to hold on is one of¹⁷⁰ the rarest of human virtues and the first of success¹⁸⁰ qualities.

Nearly every invention which has emancipated man from drudgery¹⁹⁰ and given him comfort and better facilities was made possible²⁰⁰ only by the man of superior grit and persistence. Our²¹⁰ civilization owes everything to the stout souls who persisted when²²⁰ others lost heart and gave up the struggle.

Have you²³⁰ ever seen a man who had no give-up in²⁴⁰/him, who could never let go his grip no matter²⁵⁰ what happened, who every time he failed would come up²⁶⁰ smiling and with greater determination than ever to push ahead?²⁷⁰ Have you ever seen a man who did not know²⁸⁰ the meaning of the word failure, who, like Grant, never²⁹⁰ knew when he was beaten, who had cut the words³⁰⁰ "can't" and "impossible" from his vocabulary, the man whom no³¹⁰ obstacles could down, no difficulty phase, who was not disheartened³²⁰ by any misfortune, any calamity? If you have, you have³³⁰ seen a real man, a conqueror, a king among men.³⁴⁰

"Do you keep at it?" That is a good life⁸⁵⁰ interrogation for every young man. "Have you staying qualities?" "Can³⁶⁰ you stick by your

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~ ~ proposition?" "Can you keep on after³⁷⁰ failure?" "Have you grit enough to stick and hang on,³⁸⁰ to hold to your purpose in spite of the most³⁹⁰ disheartening obstacles?"

If you can answer "Yes" to these interrogations, 400 you are one of the men who will be heard 410 from. You are the sort of young man the world 420 is looking for. Your future is secure.—Orison Swett Marden. (427–1.40)

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A MAN WHO ENJOYS BUSINESS

To win in the business game—or any game, including¹⁰ the game of life itself—you must enjoy it. There²⁰ is something wrong with a man who does not enjoy³⁰ his work more and more as he gets older. This⁴⁰ is not only my own experience, but it is, I⁵⁰ find, the experience of a number of successful men with⁶⁰ whom I have talked. A man should grow happier as⁷⁰ he grows older, and he can grow happier—I don't⁸⁰ see how he can fail to grow happier—if he⁹⁰ is on the right terms with his work.

Here again, ¹⁰⁰ however, the question of health enters. To enjoy business, to ¹¹⁰ enjoy life, to be fit to carry out hard or ¹²⁰ big things, a man must be in sound physical condition. ¹³⁰ Therefore, any young man who aspires to become a leader ¹⁴⁰ in his line should early realize the vital importance of ¹⁵⁰ strengthening, building up, and tuning up his physical machine. I ¹⁶⁰ have emphasized the necessity for having ambition; but ambition is ¹⁷⁰ not likely to get a man anywhere unless he has ¹⁸⁰

7 N 20 a head, a body, and hands capable of carrying out¹⁹⁰ his ambition. Mere wishing gets a man nowhere. He must²⁰⁰ back up his wishes with action, and action is dependent²¹⁰ in no little measure upon a man's physical stamina.—

Coleman Du Pont. (219–1.42)

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THE WORLD HIGHWAY

The sea, sea trade, and sea power have always been¹⁰ of great interest to civilized man, and to understand world²⁰ commerce we must first know the part played by the³⁰ ocean. The nation that does not touch the ocean is⁴⁰ like a house that is not upon the street, and⁵⁰ some of the bitterest strifes of history have been enacted⁶⁰ for the possession of bits of coast. Once a nation⁷⁰ has reached the sea, it has possessed itself of a⁸⁰ part of the world highway that reaches everywhere and belongs,⁹⁰ according to international law, to each and all who own¹⁰⁰ even a tiny strip of coast.

It is an adage¹¹⁰ that ocean transportation is cheaper than that on land, but¹²⁰ it is difficult for the landsman to realize how much¹³⁰ ocean carriage differs from land carriage in cheapness and in¹⁴⁰ the freedom of competition. This freedom is chiefly due to¹⁵⁰ the same cause which produces the greater cheapness of transportation,¹⁶⁰ namely, the fact that the ocean carrier must furnish only¹⁷⁰ the vehicle, while nature furnishes the roadway, and, in some¹⁸⁰ cases, even the motive power—wind. Upon the railway the¹⁹⁰ cost of

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the vehicle is an insignificant part of the²⁰⁰ total cost of service. The important thing is the way²¹⁰ itself. On the ocean the way is free and also²²⁰ the place for the ship to unload is usually found²³⁰ with comparatively small expense to the ship, so that ocean²⁴⁰ transportation remains competitive and cheap both on the international high²⁵⁰ seas and within the shadow of the land. Terminals remain²⁶⁰ practically free or, at least, equally free to all ship²⁷⁰ owners because the desire of cities for trade is so²⁸⁰ keen that they bid for ships by getting harbors and²⁹⁰ docks ready for them.—

J. Russell Smith, "Commerce and Industry." (294–1.43)

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TELEPHONE COURTESIES

There ought to be, and perhaps in time there will¹⁰ be, a recognized code of courtesy by telephone—a code²⁰ that will be as generally recognized as the common civilities³⁰ of social life.

It is strange that a man who⁴⁰ would not fail to do the courteous thing if a⁵⁰ person were calling at his office will utterly fail to⁶⁰ manifest the same measure of courtesy in talking with the⁷⁰ same person over the telephone. A young woman, at the⁸⁰ request of her employer, called up another business house and⁹⁰ asked for some information which concerned the regular business relations¹⁰⁰ of the two houses. The man she talked to was¹¹⁰ the head of a department through which these relations were¹²⁰ maintained. The answer she got was so abrupt, incomplete, and¹³⁰ unsatis-

factory that the young woman's feelings were hurt. When she¹⁴⁰ reported the affair to her employer he instantly reached for¹⁵⁰ the telephone and got the man and said things to¹⁶⁰ him that would probably not tend to promote harmony between¹⁷⁰ the two houses.

It is not improbable that if the¹⁸⁰ tall and handsome young woman had appeared in person at¹⁹⁰ the office or the home of the young man she²⁰⁰ called up she would have been received with all the²¹⁰ courtesy due her. But there seemed to be other standards²²⁰ when meeting her by telephone.

While there are thousands of ²³⁰ persons whose manner by telephone is no less courteous than ²⁴⁰ when meeting another face to face, there are other thousands ²⁵⁰ who need to remember that a human being is at ²⁶⁰ the other end.—W. P. Warren, "Thoughts on Business." (263–1.44)

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THE INVESTMENT A SUBSTITUTE FOR A HOME

The idea that a plot of earth, a house, and ¹⁰ a tree make a man a good citizen originated in ²⁰ the days when the majority of the people were farmers ³⁰ or lived in small towns. This idea must be changed ⁴⁰ to fit present conditions since an increasing portion of the ⁵⁰ population now dwell in cities.

The tendency of a man⁶⁰ doomed to pay rent all his days and having no⁷⁰ encouragement to acquire real estate is toward extravagance. The makers⁸⁰ of public opinion, therefore, should 5 3

do all they can to 90 show the worker other ways to save for a rainy 100 day. Sound investments should be provided and properly safeguarded for 110 people of moderate means.

Those companies that issue securities in¹²⁰ millions should appeal to the small investor and sell in¹³⁰ blocks of \$100 instead of \$1,000,¹⁴⁰ They would then rest on a sounder basis, they would¹⁵⁰ secure the friendly attitude of the public and they would¹⁶⁰ benefit the country at large. There are many stocks as¹⁷⁰ sound as real estate and much more negotiable. There are¹⁸⁰ many bonds as safe as human affairs will permit. To¹⁹⁰ own these is the best substitute for a home.

If²⁰⁰ the city dweller cannot hope for a house and lot,²¹⁰ let him read carefully the financial articles in newspapers and²²⁰ magazines, let him consult reliable bond dealers and invest his²³⁰ money through some of the country's great banking houses.—Regents Examination, June, 1924. (239–1.46)

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ADVICE TO EMPLOYEES

260 E() All about us, day in and day out, we are 10 seeing things without observing. We take our work with its 20 tools and routine as a matter of course, although it 30 offers many possibilities for worth-while suggestions. Too often, when 40 we see some new improvement being made, we wonder why 50 the thought had not occurred to us. We had our 60 eyes open, but we were asleep. We need to wake 70 up. Of course, there are those

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who miss the really⁸⁰ big opportunities right before them, but who jump at the⁹⁰ minor improvements and changes which would naturally be taken care¹⁰⁰ of in the course of time.

The important thing to 110 remember is that our firm can always use good suggestions. 120 The best are those which reduce manufacturing or operating costs 130 and those which better our products.

Our prices must be¹⁴⁰ attractive. We must constantly try to reduce costs. Lower prices¹⁵⁰ and better goods pave the way for increased sales, which¹⁶⁰ mean more work for everyone, with continued profits and good¹⁷⁰ wages.

Each worker plays a personal part in determining whether¹⁸⁰ times will be good or bad. Therefore, let us give¹⁹⁰ serious thought to our work today. What unnecessary things are²⁰⁰ we doing? Can we reduce the cost of anything? What²¹⁰ would we want done differently if we ran the business?²²⁰—Regents Examination, January, 1925. (220–1.47)

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THRIFT

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We do not realize what saving can mean until we¹⁰ have experimented with it a bit. Saving money is simply²⁰ a matter of habit, to be acquired the same as³⁰ other habits. The trouble is so few are willing to⁴⁰ try it; once tried, however, the fascination grows and it⁵⁰ becomes a game that has in it the most astonishing⁶⁰ elements of thrilling excitement.

Saving is simple: the simplest habit⁷⁰ we can acquire. Where the difficult part comes in is⁸⁰ in its rigid continuance and in resisting the temptation to⁹⁰ spend what has been saved. That calls for character, but¹⁰⁰ that exercise of the will power is exactly the quality¹¹⁰ that makes for success and the great boon of becoming¹²⁰ financially independent later in life.

It is difficult to realize¹³⁰ when the faculties are alert and things are coming our¹⁴⁰ way, when the income is comfortable, that the years ahead¹⁵⁰ will bring a time when the faculties begin to lose¹⁶⁰ their clear-cut method of functioning, and when illness, misfortune, or¹⁷⁰ disaster may combine to minimize our earning capacity. But that¹⁸⁰ time comes to each of us, and it is the¹⁹⁰ wise man or woman who realizes it and prepares for²⁰⁰ the inevitable. Then in proportion as we lay up a²¹⁰ part of our income or spend it all will the²²⁰ rest of our lives be tinged with keen regret, as²³⁰ sharp as a razor, or made mentally and physically comfortable²⁴⁰ by our provision.

It is one of the happiest signs²⁵⁰ in our American life that one sees a growing tendency²⁶⁰ toward a change in the American character with regard to²⁷⁰ saving. We are beginning to inquire a little more closely²⁸⁰ into our expenditures and the products which our money purchases;²⁹⁰ we are becoming a trifle more insistent upon the return³⁰⁰ we are getting in our buying; these are the first³¹⁰ steps toward thrift. We have a long way to go³²⁰ yet before we acquire thrift as a national habit, but³³⁰ surely, if slowly, the consciousness is dawning upon the minds³⁴⁰ of many that, no matter what other qualities a man³⁵⁰ may

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have which tend toward material success, if he lacks³⁶⁰ the habit of saving, if he spends as much as³⁷⁰ he earns, he is as surely destined for failure at³⁸⁰ the end as that night follows the day.

There can³⁹⁰ be no material success without thrift as the basis; it⁴⁰⁰ is, unquestionably, the seed of success.—*Edward W. Bok.* (406–1.47)

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And what shall we say of the women—of their¹¹¹ instant intelligence, quickening every task that they touched; their capacity²¹ for organization and cooperation, which gave their action discipline and³¹ enhanced the effectiveness of everything they attempted; their aptitude at⁴¹ tasks to which they had never before set their hands;⁵¹ their utter self-sacrifice alike in what they did and⁴¹ in what they gave? Their contribution to the great result⁻¹ is beyond appraisal. They have added a new luster to⁵¹ the annals of American womanhood.

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The least tribute we can⁹⁰ pay them is to make them the equals of men¹⁰⁰ in political rights, as they have proved themselves their equals¹¹⁰ in every field of practical work they have entered, whether¹²⁰ for themselves or for their country. These great days of¹³⁰ completed achievements would be sadly marred were we to omit¹⁴⁰ that act of justice. Besides the immense practical services they¹⁵⁰ have rendered, the women of the country have been moving¹⁶⁰ spirits in the systematic economies by which our people have¹⁷⁰

voluntarily assisted to supply the suffering peoples of the world180 and the armies of every front with food and everything190 else that we had that would serve the common cause.200 The details of such a story can never be fully210 written, but we carry them at our hearts, and thank²²⁰ God that we can say that we are the kinsmen²³⁰ of such.-Woodrow Wilson. (232-1.48)

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A GREAT ART

The art of talking is one of the most valuable 10 equipments a business man can have. Nearly all work that20 is above mere routine and physical labor involves talking, and30 the success of the work often depends on the ability40 to carry the point in conversation. The difference between a⁵⁰ skilled and an unskilled talker is very great. The importance⁶⁰ of knowing how to talk well is not generally appreciated.70 Many who think they are proficient in the art are 80 as self-deceived as the novice in poetry writing. A90 really skillful talker is rare, because little or no systematic 100 attention is paid to cultivating the art. Instead of being110 allowed to develop in a haphazard manner, picking up a120 point here and another there, talking should be studied almost 130 thoroughly as is painting, writing, or music. A man¹⁴⁰ may have good ideas, but if he

does not know 150 how to present them intelligently they may never attain proper160 recognition. a man would acquire information from others he170 must know how to draw them out. The difference

between¹⁸⁰ a good salesman and a poor one is often a190 matter of knowing how to talk. And the manager who²⁰⁰ gets the most out of his men is the one²¹⁰ who knows how to talk to them in a manner²²⁰ that will stir their enthusiasm, quickening and encouraging them to230 put forth their best efforts. At every turn the art240 of talking is a vital factor in success.-W. P. Warren," Thoughts on Business." (248-1.48)

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OPENING AN ACCOUNT WITH A BANK

When a person applies for the privilege of becoming a¹⁰ depositor in a bank at all strict in its requirements,²⁰ unless he is personally well known or introduced and recommended,30 he is expected to present letters giving evidence of his⁴⁰ character and financial circumstances. A blank is filled out giving⁵⁰ his name and address, his business and its location, and60 the names of his references. If his credentials are satisfactory, 70 his name is entered in the books and his account⁸⁰ opened. His signature is taken in one or more books90 kept for the purpose, or, more commonly, on cards that100 may be filed in alphabetic order. Usually several of these¹¹⁰ cards are required so that signatures may be more conveniently 120 werified in different departments of the bank. After his account¹³⁰ is opened, he receives a pass book in which a140 running account is kept for his own guidance, and in150 this book the bank is debited with every deposit as160 it is made.

To make his deposits he fills out170 a blank "slip," a supply of which is always conveniently 180

at hand, with the date and his name properly entered¹⁹⁰ at the top. He enters on the slip as separate²⁰⁰ items the amount of cash and of each check or²¹⁰ draft deposited and indicates the total. If he has coupons²²⁰ to deposit, they are placed in separate envelopes provided for²³⁰ the purpose, the character and amounts being noted on the²⁴⁰ outside. He places the slip and the funds in the²⁵⁰ pass book and presents this at the teller's window.—Regents Examination, January, 1920. (259—1.48)

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THE WRITING OF BUSINESS LETTERS

A business letter is a practical means of handling by¹⁰ words on paper the transactions that cannot conveniently be handled²⁰ by word of mouth. It is a substitute for a³⁰ personal representative and its value is measured by its ability⁴⁰ to earn profits in dollars and cents. These profits may⁵⁰ come immediately in the form of an order, an inquiry⁶⁰ or a payment, or they may come indirectly in the⁷⁰ form of good will.

If we understand that the value⁸⁰ of our letters depends on their power to secure profitable⁹⁰ response, we shall be able to word our letters in¹⁰⁰ a way that will achieve this result. We shall also¹¹⁰ avoid taking a wrong attitude toward our letters, for we¹²⁰ shall realize that the letter that does not influence the¹³⁰ reader to action is not a good business letter. Whether¹⁴⁰ the reader acts or not depends on the incentive

the¹⁵⁰ letter gives him, the impression it makes on him. It¹⁶⁰ is not enough that it should express the writer's ideas¹⁷⁰ and feelings accurately and clearly; it must also impress them¹⁸⁰ on the reader.

Every business transaction has two sides. The 190 writer naturally sees his own side of the transaction but he 200 should look at it from the reader's viewpoint in order 210 to get the action he desires from the reader.—Regents Examination, January, 1926. (219–1.49)

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COMMISSION MERCHANTS

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A commission merchant is one who receives for sale goods¹⁰ belonging to another, who has control of the goods, and²⁰ who must account to the owner for the proceeds of³⁰ the sale of the goods. A commission merchant is sometimes⁴⁰ called a factor.

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The work of a broker at times⁵⁰ closely resembles that of a commission merchant. Both sell goods⁶⁰ belonging to others for a commission. There is, however, at⁷⁰ least in theory, a clear distinction. The broker effects sales⁸⁰ of goods which he does not have in his possession⁹⁰ and which he does not represent himself as owning. On¹⁰⁰ the other hand, the commission man has the goods in¹¹⁰ his possession and makes delivery to the buyer, and the¹²⁰ buyer may not know that the goods are not the¹³⁰ property of the commission merchant. The broker is paid a¹⁴⁰ commission by his principal, while the commission man

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collects for¹⁵⁰ the goods, deducts his commission and any expense, and remits¹⁶⁰ the balance to the owner with an "account sales."

This¹⁷⁰ distinction is clear in theory but is not always so¹⁸⁰ in actual practice. The broker may have the goods in¹⁹⁰ his possession and may make deliveries to the buyers. The²⁰⁰ broker may also make collections for his principal and adjust²¹⁰ disputes with the buyers. He may also receive goods for²²⁰ sale on consignment. These are, however, extra or special services²³⁰ which brokers may at times render in order to secure²⁴⁰ satisfied principals and are not included in a strictly brokerage²⁵⁰ business. In performing these services he is in reality acting²⁶⁰ as a commission man, or factor, rather than a broker.²⁷⁰ *P. D. Converse*, "Marketing." (270–1.49)

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You stand on the threshold of life and you need¹¹⁰ courage. You need the courage to have ideals and the²¹⁰ courage to be true to them. Do not be afraid³¹⁰ of life and its problems. The equipment which you bring⁴⁰ to your life work will be the solvent of these⁵¹⁰ problems. The training which you are receiving here is merely⁵¹⁰ added to those things which you may possess or develop⁻¹⁰ for yourselves. If you have the right ideals and the³⁰ will to work, your mission in life will be accomplished⁵⁰ in a way that will bring you satisfaction and contentment.¹¹⁰ Have faith in yourself because faith works wonders, and without¹¹⁰ faith in yourself you will limit your own capacity to¹²⁰ succeed. Do not let this faith,

however, develop into conceit¹³⁰ or arrogance. Even the most successful men with the most¹⁴⁰ abounding faith in themselves, the most vigorous energy and courage,¹⁵⁰ possessed that rectifying quality of modesty which is essential if¹⁶⁰ one is to be truly successful in whatever place in life one¹⁷⁰ occupies. Be rational in all things; above all, keep your¹⁸⁰ minds clean and active. Mental sordidness will react on you ¹⁹⁰ physically and spiritually and will destroy that which is most²⁰⁰ beneficial in your struggle for success.

To the boy who²¹⁰ is plodding daily through his routine, doing hard and conscientious²²⁰ work, it may seem a little difficult to keep that230 high spirit and transform into adventure that which seems so²⁴⁰ commonplace and possibly dull. Remember at your age that the250 work-a-day things are merely the prelude, the preliminary,260 to your eventual life's work. Remember the drudgery of the270 singer, the violinist, the pianist. Think of the daily toil, 280 the repetition and in most cases the hard taskmasters. But290 you can easily visualize the triumph that follows and the300 joy and happiness that come in the ultimate success that 310 is bound to follow.— Address, E. H. H. Simmons, President of the New York Stock Exchange. (314-1.50)

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BANK CURRENCY

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In nearly all modern countries bank currency forms an important¹⁰ element of the circulating medium, and, as already noted, the²⁰ banks are

the sole source of paper money in the30 leading countries of Europe. Bank notes are promises of the40 bank to pay a specified sum to the bearer on50 demand. They get into circulation by being paid out by60 the banks to customers either in exchange for metallic money70 or for the customer's evidences of credit in the form80 of promissory notes or bills of exchange. Thus, for example, 90 when a customer has a promissory note discounted at a¹⁰⁰ bank he may receive the proceeds, that is, the face110 value of the note less the discount, either in the120 form of money or of a credit on the books¹³⁰ of the bank, against which he may draw checks as140 need arises. If he prefers to accept money, the bank 150 ordinarily will be willing to pay him in any kind160 of money he chooses. If he has no preference, the170 bank will give him whatever kind of money is most¹⁸⁰ convenient to itself, possibly its own circulating notes. Unless there 190 is some special reason for distrusting the bank, these notes²⁰⁰ pass readily from hand to hand, performing all the essential²¹⁰ functions of money.

Because the rank and file of people²²⁰ have no means of judging of the solvency of banks²³⁰ issuing notes, the conditions under which they are issued and²⁴⁰ redeemed are usually subject to strict legal regulation. The methods²⁵⁰ adopted under different currency systems to regulate note issues operate²⁶⁰ either on the notes themselves, fixing a maximum limit to²⁷⁰ their volume, or on the reserve. Regulation of note issues²⁸⁰ through the reserves may consist of a requirement that all²⁹⁰ banks shall keep on hand a certain minimum of specie³⁰⁰ or securities, or an amount of these equal

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to a³¹⁰ certain proportion of the notes issued.— John T. Holdsworth, "Money and Banking." (316–1.52)

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ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

The average family saves nothing, largely because of lack of ¹⁰ forethought and supervision in the spending of the income. Nothing ²⁰ is more conducive to economy than a list of expenditures, ³⁰ itemized so as to give opportunity for careful examination. Much ⁴⁰ extravagance would thus be avoided.

Another cause of extravagance is⁵⁰ our credit system. We buy many things on credit that⁶⁰ we would not or could not buy for cash. We⁷⁰ should put our expenses on a strictly cash basis. We⁸⁰ should know beforehand how much may be spent for each⁹⁰ kind of outlay. The difference between the savage and the¹⁰⁰ civilized man is that the former belongs to the class¹¹⁰ that spends his all today, while the latter, through the¹²⁰ wisdom of recorded facts, decides what shall be spent today¹³⁰ and what tomorrow. The first regards only the present, while¹⁴⁰ the second lays up something for the future.

In the¹⁵⁰ household a correct record of expenditures should be kept in¹⁶⁰ order to insure an economic spending. The question of expense¹⁷⁰ is not to keep it at a minimum, but to¹⁸⁰ secure for the money spent the maximum return. A systematic¹⁹⁰ record will enable the head of the family to divide²⁰⁰ the income properly among the

various classes of expenses and²¹⁰ thus to cut down some and possibly to eliminate others.²²⁰ In a large majority of families there is no method²³⁰ of adjusting the expenditures to the income, except that of²⁴⁰ making both ends meet. No successful business man would think²⁵⁰ for a minute of doing business on such a basis.²⁶⁰—Regents Examination, January, 1921. (260–1.52)

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PRESIDENT WILSON'S PROGRAM FOR PEACE.

I can state them (these terms for a peace settlement)¹⁰ authoritatively as representing this Government's interpretation of its own duty²⁰ with regard to peace:

First, the impartial justice meted out³⁰ must

First, the impartial justice meted out³⁰ must involve no discrimination between those to whom we wish⁴⁰ to be just and those to whom we do not⁵⁰ wish to be just. It must be a justice that⁶⁰ plays no favorites and knows no standard but the equal⁷⁰ rights of the several peoples concerned.

Second, no special or 80 separate interest of any single nation or any group of 90 nations can be made the basis of any part of 100 the settlement which is not consistent with the common interest 110 of all.

Third, there can be no leagues or alliances¹²⁰ or special covenants and understandings within the general and common¹³⁰ family of the League of Nations.

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the¹⁵⁰ League and no employment of any form of economic boycott¹⁶⁰ or exclusion except as the power of economic penalty by¹⁷⁰ exclusion from the markets of the world may be vested¹⁸⁰ in the League of Nations itself as a means of¹⁹⁰ discipline and control.

Fifth, all international agreements and treaties of 200 every kind must be made known in their entirety to 210 the rest of the world.—Woodrow Wilson. (215–1.52)

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CONTROL OF PRIVATE BUSINESS

We have seen how our work to get a living, 10 if the work is in any useful occupation, benefits the 20 public as well as the worker. Is this all that 30 is necessary, or ought the public to control work and 40 business' by laws? There have been three stages in English 50 and American belief on this point.

1. In the Middle 60 Ages and even down to the seventeenth century it was 70 the belief that private love of gain must be controlled 80 or directed to make it secure the good of all. 90

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2. The view gained ground that liberty for everyone to¹⁰⁰ conduct his business as he pleased was not only best¹¹⁰ for him but best for the public. This was expressed¹²⁰ by many famous writers in the latter part of the¹³⁰ eighteenth century. It fitted in with the general love of¹⁴⁰ liberty in political affairs and depended upon competition to secure¹⁵⁰ fair prices.

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have again been controlling private business in many ways for¹⁷⁰ what is believed to be justice and the public good.¹⁸⁰

There are two aspects of the relation of public welfare¹⁹⁰ to private gain. The first is justice between man and²⁰⁰ man; the other concerns public welfare in the strict sense.²¹⁰ The first would show itself in such matters as treating²²⁰ other fellow citizens fairly, in contrast with treating them with²³⁰ oppression or extortion or discrimination. The second would show itself²⁴⁰ in matters where the welfare of the nation is concerned.²⁵⁰ These exact patriotic service in both war and peace.—*Regents Examination*, *June*, 1922. (259–1.53)

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NUMERIC SYSTEM OF FILING

The numeric system of filing correspondence is the most practical¹⁰ for many lines of business. Tough manila folders of uniform²⁰ size are numbered from 1 upward and filed consecutively. In³⁰ each folder all the letters to and from one correspondent⁴⁰ or concerning one subject are placed in order of date,⁵⁰ those of latest date in front. Every letter received and⁶⁰ a copy of every answer sent are marked with the⁷⁰ number assigned to that correspondent and filed according to that⁸⁰ number. This number is obtained by referring to a card⁹⁰ index arranged alphabetically. A card is made out for each¹⁰⁰ correspondent or subject, bearing name and address and number of¹¹⁰ that correspondent's or subject's folder.

Cross-referencing is one of 120 the great timesaving features of this system. A letter 130 involving more than one name or subject is indexed under¹⁴⁰ the most important. Other unnumbered index cards are made out150 for the other leading names or subjects and refer simply 160 to the principal heading and the number of its folder. 170 For instance, a letter is received for the first time¹⁸⁰ from the Empire Manufacturing Company, signed by F. W. Bolton. 190 A card is filled out with the name and address²⁰⁰ of the Empire Company and given the number of the210 next unused folder. The letter, copy of answer, and all²²⁰ subsequent correspondence relating to the concern, whether written by or230 addressed to Bolton or the Empire Company, are filed in²⁴⁰ this folder. At the same time a card is filled 250 out with Bolton's name and a reference to the Empire²⁶⁰ folder. If correspondence develops with Bolton individually, a number is270 assigned him and appears at the top of his card,280 the Empire number remaining as a cross-reference, so that290 no letter can be overlooked through filing under the wrong³⁰⁰ name.—Regents Examination, January, 1909. (301-1.53)

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STUDYING THE CUSTOMER

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It is frequently said we need most to be reminded¹⁰ of the things which should be the most obvious. If²⁰ that be so, it is well to remark at once³⁰ that a satisfied customer is the best advertisement for any⁴⁰ store. A business can survive

only through a sufficient volume⁵⁰ of steady patronage, and this can be secured only by⁶⁰ pleasing the majority of patrons. Were merchants able to tell⁷⁰ accurately the likes and dislikes of every customer, there would⁸⁰ be no retail failures, no need for advertising or window⁹⁰ displays to attract new patrons, and many of the costs¹⁰⁰ of business could be eliminated.

However, all people are different¹¹⁰ in certain respects, and it would be impossible to recommend¹²⁰ any methods which would result in a sale every time.¹³⁰ All that may be hoped for is to suggest methods¹⁴⁰ which will be successful in most cases, or in so¹⁵⁰ many cases that their use is justified. This is especially¹⁶⁰ true with customers whose peculiarities cannot be known to the¹⁷⁰ salespeople because of lack of acquaintance.

When we come¹⁸⁰ to know people intimately, we can come nearer pleasing them¹⁹⁰ in every instance, but it will, doubtless, remain true that²⁰⁰ even in the smallest hamlet many customers will not be²¹⁰ known intimately, at least, by all salespeople. For that²²⁰ reason, first consideration of selling will be based upon instincts²³⁰ and emotions or characteristics common to all people. The supreme²⁴⁰ test of all selling service must be in answer to²⁵⁰ the question, "Do customers usually like this method?"—J. W. Fisk, "Retail Selling." (258–1.54)

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I know the American people are much attached to their government. I know they would suffer much for its sake. I know they

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would endure evils long and patiently before³⁰ they would ever think of exchanging it for another. Yet,⁴⁰ notwithstanding all this, if the laws be continually despised and⁵⁰ disregarded, if their rights to be secure in their persons⁶⁰ and property are held by no better tenure than the⁷⁰ caprice of a mob, the alienation of their affection for⁸⁰ the government is the natural consequence, and to that sooner⁹⁰ or later it must come.

Here, then, is one point100 at which danger may be expected. The question recurs, how110 shall we fortify against it? The answer is simple. Let120 every American, every lover of liberty, every well-wisher to130 his posterity, swear by the blood of the Revolution never140 to violate in the least particular the laws of the 150 country, and never to tolerate their violation by others. As160 the patriots of seventy-six did to the support of¹⁷⁰ the Declaration of Independence, so to the support of the180 Constitution and the Laws let every American pledge his life,190 his property, and his sacred honor; let every man remember²⁰⁰ that to violate the law is to trample on the²¹⁰ blood of his father, and to tear the charter of 220 his own and his children's liberty. And, in short, let230 it become the political religion of the nation; and let²⁴⁰ the old and the young, the rich and the poor, 250 the grave and the gay of all sexes and tongues²⁶⁰ and colors and conditions, sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars.

When²⁷⁰ I so pressingly urge a strict observance of all the²⁸⁰ law, let me not be understood as saying there are²⁹⁰ no bad laws, or that grievances may not arise for³⁰⁰ the redress of which no legal provisions have been made.³¹⁰ I mean to say no

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such thing. But I do³²⁰ mean to say that, although bad laws, if they exist,³³⁰ should be repealed as soon as possible, still, while they³⁴⁰ continue in force, for the sake of example they should³⁵⁰ be religiously observed. There is no grievance that is a³⁶⁰ fit object of redress by mob law.—Abraham Lincoln, Address Before the Young Men's Lyceum of Springfield, Illinois, on January, 1837. (367–1.54)

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CHOOSING THE BEST MEANS

A man's business judgment is often revealed in his choice¹⁰ of the means of communication. Some men have a tendency²⁰ towards the use of the telephone, the letter, or the³⁰ interview, without due regard to the question of what is⁴⁰ the best method for the object in hand.

Any rule⁵⁰ would vary with conditions, but some general observations are worth⁶⁰ considering. A letter will nearly always reach a man and⁷⁰ receive his attention, and he cannot interrupt you with his⁸⁰ objections until he has heard you through. A letter may⁹⁰ contain the thought of hours and yet be read in¹⁰⁰ a minute, while conversation might be like the first draft¹¹⁰ of the letter which, on second thought, you discarded.

An¹²⁰ interview is usually best when an exchange of opinions is¹³⁰ necessary to establish an agreement. In some instances nothing else¹⁴⁰ can satisfactorily take its place. Often weeks of correspondence could¹⁵⁰ not accomplish as much as a short interview.

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A telephone¹⁶⁰ conversation gets quickly at the vitals of a matter, gains¹⁷⁰ an audience while others wait for an interview, and secures¹⁸⁰ instant counsel at a critical time. But by its brevity¹⁹⁰ it may close a matter prematurely without having attained the²⁰⁰ desired purpose, or it may give occasion for questions which²¹⁰ one does not care to answer yes or no or²²⁰ seem to evade.

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A representative may often be sent who²³⁰ can talk out a matter more in detail than your²⁴⁰ own time would permit, and also may avoid the necessity²⁵⁰ of a meeting between uncongenial persons.—W. P. Warren, "Thoughts on Business." (256–1.54)

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ADVANTAGES OF DEPARTMENT STORES

One of the principal advantages of the large department stores¹⁰ is their ability to purchase goods cheaply. Such stores buy²⁰ in large quantities and can often secure quantity discounts or³⁰ special prices. They very frequently buy direct from the manufacturers⁴⁰ and eliminate the jobber's profit. Then, too, many manufacturers will⁵⁰ make special concessions to have their goods sold by large⁶⁰ department stores because of the advertising value of such sales.⁷⁰ The department stores have expert buyers who are good judges⁸⁰ of qualities and prices and who are on the lookout⁹⁰ for any special bargains in job lots, forced sales, or¹⁰⁰ bankrupt stocks. Most large

department stores are in a position¹¹⁰ to make cash purchases from manufacturers who must sell goods¹²⁰ at a sacrifice to realize money quickly. They are in¹³⁰ a position to buy odd lots, bankrupt stocks, or¹⁴⁰ a manufacturer's surplus goods. Also they often buy in such quantities¹⁵⁰ as to have goods made to their order. If they¹⁶⁰ can contract for the entire output of a plant they¹⁷⁰ are in a position to demand a concession in price.¹⁸⁰

The central location of most department stores is an advantage¹⁹⁰ in securing the shopping trade of people from all parts²⁰⁰ of the city and also of out-of-town shoppers.²¹⁰ The ability to make all necessary purchases in one building²²⁰ and under one roof is an advantage, especially in bad²³⁰ weather and to persons who dislike spending a large amount²⁴⁰ of time and energy in shopping. The ability to buy²⁵⁰ all kinds of goods on one line of credit is²⁶⁰ also quite a convenience to customers, as it saves the²⁷⁰ trouble of opening different accounts and paying several monthly bills.²⁸⁰—P. D. Converse, "Marketing," (280–1.54)

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NEATNESS PAYS

One of the very large corporations was finding that it¹⁰ got better results at certain plants than at others. A²⁰ man was delegated to look over the ground to see³⁰ if he could discover any explanation. One thing he found⁴⁰ was this: The best results were being obtained at the⁵⁰ plants which were kept the cleanest, tidiest, and

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most orderly.⁶⁰ The worst results were where no effort apparently was made⁷⁰ to keep the works spick and span.

Since then the⁸⁰ company has installed a sort of housekeeper in every plant.⁹⁰ The effect has been astoundingly satisfactory. Not a few of¹⁰⁰ the workers, it is now noticed, come to work distinctly¹¹⁰ better dressed. While not a word was said to the¹²⁰ employees about their personal appearance, the very fact that the¹³⁰ works are now kept tidy has had an influence upon¹⁴⁰ them, and it has proved that cleanliness and orderliness pay¹⁵⁰ handsome dividends in dollars and cents as well as in¹⁶⁰ mental and moral improvement of the workers.

All of which,¹⁷⁰ it may be added, is only what should be expected¹⁸⁰ in the light of the findings of modern psychology as¹⁹⁰ to environment effects on the human organism. Untidy surroundings, there²⁰⁰ can be no question, make both for mental inertia and²¹⁰ moral disorganization. When they include such elements as grimy walls,²²⁰ littered floors, and unwashed windows they make also for unrest²³⁰ and discontent as symptoms of an increasing nervousness.

Hence neatness²⁴⁰ in business places will invariably mean both a rise in²⁵⁰ the efficiency curve and a fall in the curves of²⁶⁰ illness and accident. It is surprising that this has not²⁷⁰ long ago been appreciated by all industrial managers, intent as²⁸⁰ they necessarily are on devising ways for an increase of output²⁹⁰ at a lessened cost of production.—*H. Addington Bruce.* (295–1.54)

THE FUNCTIONS OF LETTERS IN BUSINESS

Letters are the nervous system of the business world. They¹⁰ convey its impulses and thoughts, and cause and record its²⁰ actions. They get men positions; they launch enterprises; they find³⁰ markets, interest investors, reach and bring in buyers. They galvanize⁴⁰ into life the vast machinery of commerce and keep it⁵⁰ going. Day after day they record its millions of offers,⁶⁰ agreements, terms, and contracts.

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Letters are the mouthpiece of the ⁷⁰ business man. Into them he pours his plans and projects, ⁸⁰ and from them other business men draw the information that ⁹⁰ enables them to act with certainty and address. Letters are the ¹⁰⁰ channels of commercial cooperation. They cover space with a great ¹¹⁰ moving network and tie four corners of the world ¹²⁰ together. Without the business letter the modern world would be ¹³⁰ inconceivable.—Belding, "Business Corresponddence and Procedure." (131–1.55)

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PARTNERSHIP AND CORPORATION

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Business today is carried on in three different ways; namely,¹⁰ by individuals, by partnerships, and by corporations. The grocer, the²⁰ butcher, the baker, or any one man who carries on³⁰ a business is an example of the first method. If,⁴⁰

however, any two of them combine for the good of⁵⁰ both, they form a partnership. When the amount of capital⁶⁰ necessary for carrying on a business becomes so large that 70 the money of many people is needed, a corporation is 80 formed. The amount of money which any one individual invests⁹⁰ in the company is represented by a certain number of 100 shares of the capital stock of the company, which entitle110 him to dividends, or interest, on the money that he120 has invested. These shares of the capital stock are transferable 130 and they can be bought and sold like an automobile140 or a house. Since there is no time limit as150 to how long a corporation may do business, a change¹⁶⁰ in the ownership of part of the stock, or the death¹⁷⁰ of a stockholder, is not accompanied by the same result180 as in a partnership, where the death of one of 190 the partners sometimes breaks up the business. Furthermore, in a²⁰⁰ partnership each one of the partners is personally liable for²¹⁰ any debts made by any of the partners in behalf²²⁰ of the business, whereas the personal possessions of a stockholder²³⁰ in a corporation cannot be held as security for any240 debts incurred by the corporation. These are two of the²⁵⁰ more important advantages of corporate organization over partnership.—Regents Examination, 7une, 1915. (259-1.55)

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KNOWLEDGE OF COMPETING GOODS

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The study of any industry must also include a knowlegde¹⁰ of rival firms and their goods. A

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careful study of 20 competing goods and methods enables the salesman to compare his 30 own merchandise and methods with those of competitors. When a 40 favorable comparison can be made diplomatically, he can bring out 50 adequately the strong points of his own line. When he 60 notes competing goods or methods that are superior to his 70 own, part of his duty is to call the attention 80 of his firm to the matter with a view to 90 the improvement of its methods. Many valuable suggestions of this 100 kind are frequently received from salesmen, and obviously the man 110 who is most likely to make them is the man 120 who is always studying and learning.

The comprehensive knowledge referred¹⁸⁰ to in preceding sections is less vital in the sale¹⁴⁰ of certain specialties where the element of competition is not¹⁵⁰ feared. For instance, the adding machine salesman does not need¹⁶⁰ to be equipped with a knowledge of factory processes and¹⁷⁰ sources of raw materials; but he must be thoroughly familiar¹⁸⁰ with every possible use of his device; he must be¹⁹⁰ able to show the prospect how to derive the most²⁰⁰ benefit from its employment; and he must be acquainted with²¹⁰ the limitations of competing devices.

An adding machine salesman, when²²⁰ requesting an interview for the purpose of demonstrating his machine,²³⁰ was met with the statement that the firm approached was²⁴⁰ considering the purchase of a certain make of typewriter to²⁵⁰ which an adding mechanism is attached. Not being familiar with²⁶⁰ this office device, the salesman was completely nonplused and was²⁷⁰ unable to point out why his own machine should be²⁸⁰

bought in preference to the combination device.— H. Whitehead, "Principles af Salesmanship." (287–1.55)

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BOOK CONTRACTS

Directly after the manuscript of a book has been accepted¹⁰ for publication, the author receives from the publisher two copies²⁰ of a formal document. This instrument is a contract or,³⁰ as it is sometimes labeled, "memorandum of agreement."

In most⁴⁰ cases the publisher's contract is a printed form. Sometimes it⁵⁰ is merely typewritten. Generally it is a rather lengthy affair.⁶⁰ When the contract reaches the author it bears the signature⁷⁰ of the publisher. If the terms of the contract are⁸⁰ satisfactory to the author, he should sign, in the place⁹⁰ provided for his signature, both of the copies sent to¹⁰⁰ him. Then he should return one copy to the publisher,¹¹⁰ keeping the other himself.

There is no standard form of 120 contract for publishing works in book form. Each publisher has 130 his own contract form. A number of the smaller publishers, 140 it seems, still rely upon "gentlemen's agreements," which consist merely 150 of an exchange of letters. These letters state little more 160 than that the publisher agrees to publish the work, that 170 he agrees also to pay the author so much at 180 certain times, and that the author agrees to turn over 190 the work to the editor for publication according to the 200 stated

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terms. The details of these transactions are settled verbally.²¹⁰ This usage seems to be entirely satisfactory to both parties.²²⁰—Regents Examination, June, 1923. (220–1.56)

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THE STOCK MARKET

A stock market differs from a produce market in that¹⁰ it deals in the stocks and bonds of industrial corporations²⁰ and in certain kinds of national, state, and municipal bonds.³⁰ The stock market, while not confined to modern times, has⁴⁰ grown to such enormous proportions during the past century that⁵⁰ its development may be cited as a decided change from⁶⁰ old market conditions.

The importance of large industries is admitted,⁷⁰ but as a general rule no one person has enough⁸⁰ money to organize an industry. The money of a large⁹⁰ number of men must be combined in order to get¹⁰⁰ sufficient funds for this purpose. What is known as the¹¹⁰ stock of a corporation is nothing more than a piece¹²⁰ of paper on which is written the fact that an¹³⁰ individual, whose name appears on the paper, has contributed a¹⁴⁰ certain amount of money for the purpose of organizing a¹⁵⁰ particular industry. The stockholders taken together are the owners of¹⁶⁰ the business. When one buys a stock certificate he buys¹⁷⁰ a share in the business.

If we concede that great¹⁸⁰ industries are advantageous, the stock market, which provides a means¹⁹⁰ for selling shares in these greatindustries

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to persons who²⁰⁰ have saved part of their income for the purpose of²¹⁰ making investments, renders an important service to the community. Dealers²²⁰ in stocks are middlemen who buy and sell certificates of²³⁰ ownership in corporations or certificates of indebtedness of corporations. As²⁴⁰ middlemen they stand between those who wish to be investors²⁵⁰ and those who, having organized industries, wish to sell investments.²⁶⁰—Regents Examination, June, 1919. (260–1.56)

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OTHERS HAVE DONE IT

There are many young men in business who, because of 10 a lack of early training, either through limited opportunities or 20 wasted opportunities, are struggling with a great handicap, which they 30 hardly realize, in their limited knowledge of certain fundamentals of 40 education. They resemble a man in a boat with only 50 one oar, battling against the waves, without even knowing enough 60 to wish for another oar, and without realizing that the 70 reason others are making better headway is because they have 80 two oars.

The fundamental branches of study—those which every 90 schoolboy is supposed to learn in his early years, and 100 which are often too meagerly understood by young men—are: 110 how to spell, how to use correct grammar, good penmanship, 120 arithmetic, geography, history, and etymology.

Simple as these branches are, 130 there are thousands who are deficient in them, and yet 140 are blundering along through life, expecting to

make a success¹⁵⁰ in business, and yet not realizing how greatly they are¹⁶⁰ handicapped by the lack of these things. Those who feel¹⁷⁰ a lack in any of the simple fundamentals of education¹⁸⁰ cannot afford to neglect any opportunity they can make to¹⁹⁰ acquire some knowledge in those branches. Fifty years of hard²⁰⁰ work without them cannot hide the defect which may be²¹⁰ overcome by a few years of study.—W. P. Warren, "Thoughts on Business." (217–1.57)

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ORDERING GOODS

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A large percentage of orders sent by mail are filled¹⁰ inadequately or unsatisfactorily. Incompleteness, inexact phrasing, obscurity, and lack of²⁰ method in letters that forward such orders cause, day after³⁰ day, a vast amount of delay, disappointment, and loss to⁴⁰ the business world.

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Definite instructions in ordering goods are even⁵⁰ more important to the writer than to the addressed, for⁶⁰ if the instructions are inadequate the writer is the first⁷⁰ to suffer. In any case, he should remember that the⁸⁰ cost of delivering and returning goods falls in the end⁹⁰ on the customers. If his order is indefinite or incomplete,¹⁰⁰ he may receive other goods than he ordered. He may¹¹⁰ find that, although the kind of goods ordered is received,¹²⁰ the styles and sizes are quite different from those desired.¹³⁰ He may find that he has received only a part¹⁴⁰ of the goods ordered, and he may receive that part¹⁵⁰ only after exasperating

delays. Or as a result of his¹⁶⁰ careless letter he may never receive the goods at all.¹⁷⁰

In a great number of such cases, the writer has¹⁸⁰ only himself to blame. To avoid these possibilities that so¹⁹⁰ often turn into realities distressing alike to the buyer and²⁰⁰ the seller, many firms that deal in a variety of²¹⁰ goods furnish their customers with order blanks on which all²²⁰ necessary specifications are tabulated.

—Belding, "Business Correspondence and Procedure." (224–1.57)

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The average country merchant works under trying conditions. He extends10 credit freely, often carrying customers for weeks. When some of²⁰ the same customers are able to pay cash they buy30 not from the merchant who has carried them but from40 a mail-order house, which is sometimes able to undersell50 the merchant precisely because it gives nobody credit. About the60 time the merchant has built up a really profitable trade⁷⁰ somebody is pretty sure to open a rival shop across⁸⁰ the street. Sometimes a wholesale house that the merchant has 90 patronized will cheerfully supply the rival shop with a stock¹⁰⁰ of goods, though the proprietor may cherish a pious hope110 of taking away part of the older shop's trade. Such120 conditions would tend to make anybody nervous; it is not130 strange, therefore, that many country merchants oppose a parcels post140 in the fear that it will give an additional advantage150 to the mail-order houses. Probably, however, the multiplication of 160 rival shops is a greater menace to the retail trade 170 than the mail-order houses are.

The Controller of the¹⁸⁰ Currency will no longer permit the organization of a new¹⁹⁰ national bank whose principal object seems merely to be taking²⁰⁰ business away from banks already established. A license will not²¹⁰ be issued for a new bank unless it appears that²²⁰ there is some reasonable need of additional banking facilities.—
Regents Examination, June, 1911. (229–1.57)

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A BUSINESS EDUCATION

A well-rounded business education is a priceless possession, to10 be attained only through years of thought and experience. With20 it a man may undertake almost any enterprise and carry³⁰ it to completion without being at a loss to know40 what to do in regard to any complication that may⁵⁰ arise. The man who has attained, or at least approximates, 60 a thorough business education is well informed, and yet ever⁷⁰ open to new evidence and new light; he is especially 80 well informed on one or more lines of business which90 concern his chief occupation, and has an adequate knowledge of 100 all the lines of business which contribute to his work. 110 He knows something of human nature, not in a crafty 120 or supercilious way, but in a keen, analytical, awakened, and 130 sympathetic way. He is well traveled, well read, and cultured.140 Appreciating their influence upon his judgment, taste, and point of 150 view, he is not unfamiliar with art, literature,

poetry, and 160 music. He takes his place among men with ease and 170 grace, neither shunning society nor being monopolized by it. He 180 knows how to deal with men so as to command 190 their respect and cooperation. He has high standards in every 200 direction, and works to attain them rather than merely to 210 make money. And, above all, he has a sound character 220 which gives the indispensable element of purity to his every 230 motive and act.—W. P. Warren, "Thoughts on Business." (233–1.57)

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EXPORT DECLARATIONS

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Whenever merchandise is shipped beyond the borders of the United10 States the exporter must file with the Collector of Customs²⁰ at the port of entry a document known as the30 "export declaration" or "customs clearance." From this document the Government⁴⁰ obtains the data necessary for the compilation of statistics about 50 the foreign trade of the United States. The export declaration60 includes all of the particulars of the shipment; the marks⁷⁰ and numbers on the packages, the number of packages, the 80 type of merchandise for classification, the quantity and the value,90 the name of the exporter, the port of exportation and the port of destination, and the name of the steamer¹¹⁰ carrying the goods. The declaration is made in duplicate and 120 must be signed by a member of a firm or 130 an officer of a corporation. Exporters are permitted to lodge¹⁴⁰ with the Collector of Customs a power of attorney which 150

will permit a clerk to sign the export declaration. The160 original is sworn to before a notary public and is176 filed with the Collector of Customs. The duplicate is verified180 by an official of the customs department and is sent190 to the steamship company. Some steamship companies insist that the200 export declaration be filed before they will issue a shipping²¹⁰ permit. They do this because the duplicate copy of the220 export declaration must be attached to the steamer's manifest which230 is filed with the Collector of Customs before clearance papers²⁴⁰ for the steamer are issued. Other steamship companies allow exporters²⁵⁰ to supply them with the declaration at any time up²⁶⁰ to two days prior to the sailing of the vessel.270

The routine work involved in making the customs entries and280 thorough knowledge of the laws of customs procedure demand the290 attention of an expert. Few importers employ as a member300 of their traffic departments a clerk to attend solely to310 customs house work. Instead, they use the services of a³²⁰ customs house broker. The customs house broker is licensed to³³⁰ comply with the laws of the United States. He is340 given a power of attorney by the importer to indorse350 bills of lading and file entries. The economies which are360 secured through the use of the customs house broker are³⁷⁰ many. It is just as easy to file twenty entries³⁸⁰ as to file one. The broker is thus able to³⁹⁰ act as agent for many importers and the expense of 400 maintaining his organization is therefore comparatively small for each of 410 his clients.—M. S. Rosenthal, "Exporting and Importing." (412-1.58)

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COOPERATION AGAINST SECURITY FRAUDS

The Exchange is a private body. Over its own members10 it has an absolute authority, and it can impose even²⁰ more severe penalties for fraud than could usually be obtained30 through action in the courts. But there its authority naturally⁴⁰ and necessarily stops. The New York Stock Exchange has no50 authority at all over individuals or firms who are not60 its members and the security swindler never even applies for 70 such membership, much less obtains it. The Stock Exchange will go⁸⁰ to the very limit of its powers in fighting the 90 fraudulent security dealer. The Exchange has spent large sums of 100 money in cooperation with other interests, or alone, in the 110 attempt to halt fraud. Nor is this any new policy120 on the part of the Stock Exchange. It has carried130 on a continual fight against the bucket shops for half a140 century, and even before that time was regularly engaged in 150 fighting other forms which the evil of stock swindling had160 assumed. The New York Stock Exchange has always stood ready¹⁷⁰ to cooperate in any feasible and genuine effort to halt180 fraud, and always will. Whenever the Stock Exchange has opposed190 new laws aimed at the suppression of fraud, this attitude200 has been taken solely because its practical experience has convinced210 it that the proposed legislation would not accomplish the object220 for which it was designed and would severely hinder legitimate²³⁰ business.—E. H. H. Simmons, President of the New York Stock Exchange. (231–1.59)

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WRITING AN ESSENTIAL

Every business man can well afford to cultivate the art¹⁰ of literary expression. The thought that writing, like painting and²⁰ music, is chiefly for those who make a business of³⁰ it is disproved by the daily experience of the average⁴⁰ business man. Because some specialize in writing, and carry the⁵⁰ art beyond the ability of the average man, it is⁶⁰ no less an accomplishment which should in some practical measure⁷⁰ be shared by all. Success often consists in expressing a⁸⁰ thought so that it will be accepted and acted upon⁹⁰ by others.

It may even be said that all work¹⁰⁰ is largely but the changing of one thought for another. 110 When we consider what is really achieved in conferences, interviews, 120 directors' meetings, letters, reports, plans, buying, selling, advertising, and other¹³⁰ phases of business activity, we see that in every instance140 the work consists in changing one thought or one set150 of thoughts for another. The man who thinks most deeply 160 and accurately, reaches conclusions, and causes those conclusions to be170 accepted and acted upon by others is the man who 180 accomplishes the most vital work. Inability to express his conclusions 190 clearly and forcefully would, in the degree of that inability,200 lessen his influence and success. A command of the modes210 of language is neces-

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sarily a vital part of the equipment²²⁰ of every thorough business man.—W. P. Warren, "Thoughts on Business." (225–1.59)

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THE SALES ORGANIZATION

For the manufacturer, the wholesaler, and the retailer there is 10 a sales problem, essentially the same in character, but differing²⁰ in the more superficial aspects. The manufacturer wants to reach,30 or at least to meet, the middleman who is to⁴⁰ handle his goods, or the consumer who is to use50 them, or both. It must be remembered that the beginning60 and the end of every manufacturing activity practically is a 70 merchandising problem; the manufacturer must buy and the manufacturer must⁸⁰ sell. There is for him a problem of sales management 90 and sales organization. The wholesaler likewise must have his sales¹⁰⁰ organization, as well as his purchasing department. For the retailer, 110 the sales organization is one of his chief concerns.

No¹²⁰ matter how individual the problems of a given establishment may¹³⁰ be, through them all runs a common element of human¹⁴⁰ psychology. In the problem of labor management, the human element¹⁵⁰ very largely predominates. With the merchant, there is the task¹⁶⁰ of selecting men to go out and represent his business¹⁷⁰ to the world. Within the establishment, there is the sales¹⁸⁰ force that meets the customers as representatives of the house.¹⁹⁰ This is a highly important task.

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a machine in that it must have²¹⁰ its parts fitly joined together. They must be coordinated. The²²⁰ business must be well balanced. In this fact lies the²³⁰ need for organizing the sales force. The merchant, who has²⁴⁰ been financier and diplomat, must now become a sales manager.²⁵⁰—C. S. Duncan, "Marketing." (250–1.60)

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MONEY-ORDER SYSTEM

The postal money-order system offers to the public a¹⁰ safe, cheap, and convenient method of making remittances by mail²⁰ to all parts of the United States and its possessions,30 as well as foreign countries. The practice of forwarding currency40 in ordinary mail is an incitement to theft. In case⁵⁰ of train wreck also, or of other casualty incident to60 transportation, money may be destroyed or otherwise lost. But a⁷⁰ money order, though lost, may be duplicated from the record⁸⁰ of its issue. The public, therefore, is urged to use90 the postal money-order system. Postal money orders, in short, 100 should be used whenever available instead of cash for remittances¹¹⁰ by mail; and when such orders cannot be obtained the120 letter containing the money should always be registered. Money-order¹³⁰ business is transacted at all post offices where practicable. Postal¹⁴⁰ money orders are the only means by

Postal¹⁴⁰ money orders are the only means by which sums collected¹⁵⁰ on packages sent by C. O. D. parcel post are¹⁶⁰ remitted to the sender of the parcels.

Application for a170 money order must be

made on a form furnished for 180 the purpose and be presented at the money-order window 190 of the post office or one of its stations. Money 200 orders are issued for any desired amount from 1 cent 210 to \$100, and when a larger sum than 220 \$100 is to be sent any number of 230 additional orders may be obtained. Applications may be made through 240 rural carriers, who will furnish the necessary forms and give 250 receipts for the amounts.

International money orders, payable in almost²⁶⁰ any part of the world (except where business has been²⁷⁰ interrupted by war or severance of diplomatic relations), may be²⁸⁰ obtained at all of the larger post offices and at²⁹⁰ many of the smaller ones.

A money order will be³⁰⁰ paid to the person named therein, or his indorsee, or³¹⁰ his agent or attorney upon his written order. Domestic money³²⁰ orders issued in the continental United States, except Alaska, will³³⁰ be paid at any moneyorder office in the continental³⁴⁰ United States, except Alaska, if presented within thirty days following³⁵⁰ the date of issue. Thereafter payment will be made only³⁶⁰ at the office drawn on.—
Postal Information. (365–1.60)

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POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM

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The United States Government accepts interest-bearing postal savings deposits¹⁰ from the public and guarantees to repay them on demand.²⁰

Any person ten years old or over may open

a³⁰ postal savings account in his or her own name by⁴⁰ depositing one or more dollars in any post office authorized⁵⁰ to accept postal savings deposits. No person may at the⁶⁰ same time have more than one account either at the⁷⁰ same office or at different offices. The account of a⁸⁰ married woman is free from any control or interference by⁹⁰ her husband. Post-office employees are forbidden to give any¹⁰⁰ information concerning an account to any person except the depositor.¹¹⁰

A person may deposit any number of dollars, and at¹²⁰ any time, until the balance to his credit amounts to¹³⁰ \$2,500, exclusive of accumulated interest.

A person¹⁴⁰ desiring to open a postal savings account should apply at¹⁵⁰ the post office, where full instructions will be given. If¹⁶⁰ for any good reason an intending depositor cannot apply at¹⁷⁰ the post office, a representative may be sent, who will¹⁸⁰ be instructed how to proceed. A person residing at a¹⁹⁰ post office not authorized to accept postal savings deposits may²⁰⁰ open an account at a depository office by mail, through²¹⁰ his local postmaster, who will give full instructions on application.²²⁰

After a postal savings account has been opened deposits may²³⁰ be made either in person, by a representative, by money²⁴⁰ order, or by registered mail. Postal savings deposits are acknowledged²⁵⁰ by postal savings certificates, which are made out in the²⁶⁰ name of the depositor and serve as receipts. These certificates²⁷⁰ are not negotiable or transferable. If certificates are lost, stolen,²⁸⁰ or destroyed, new certificates may be issued.

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A depositor may²⁹⁰ at any time withdraw all or any part of his³⁰⁰ postal savings deposits, upon demand, from the post office where³¹⁰ the deposits were made. Withdrawals may be made in person,³²⁰ through a representative, or by mail.

Postal savings certificates bear³³⁰ simple interest at the rate of 2 per cent a³⁴⁰ year. Interest begins on the first day of the month³⁵⁰ following the month in which the certificate is issued, and³⁶⁰ becomes due and payable at the expiration of each full³⁷⁰ year from the day interest begins as long as the³⁸⁰ principal remains on deposit. No interest will be paid for³⁹⁰ a fraction of a year.

Amounts less than \$1⁴⁰⁰ may be saved by purchasing postal savings stamps at 10⁴¹⁰ cents each. A savings card with ten savings stamps affixed⁴²⁰ will be accepted as a deposit of \$1 either⁴³⁰ in opening a postal savings account or in adding to⁴⁴⁰ an existing account, or it may be redeemed in cash.⁴⁵⁰—*Postal Information*. (450–1.60)

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MAKING PAYMENT BY MAIL

A debt is fully satisfied only when the debtor pays¹⁰ the creditor the full amount owing or provides means whereby²⁰ the creditor may obtain full payment without inconvenience, expense, or³⁰ delay.

It is generally impracticable to send currency through the⁴⁰ mails or by messenger direct. In making a remittance, therefore,⁵⁰ it is necessary to use a form of exchange that⁶⁰ can be readily

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converted into money by the receiver. It70 is also desirable from the remitter's standpoint to use exchange⁸⁰ that is: (1) safe, (2) convenient and inexpensive, and (3)90 adequate as a receipt for the amount remitted, and a100 receipt is generally inadequate unless it shows the date of 110 payment, the amount paid, to whom and for what the120 payment was made, or the account which it is to130 settle.—Belding, "Business Correspondence and Procedure." (131-1.61)

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DIVISIONS OF OCCUPATION

With advancing civilization, industry as a whole has been more 10 and more broken up into parts, and the parts have,20 therefore, constantly been growing smaller. One of the earliest steps30 in the organization of labor, perhaps even earlier than that⁴⁰ which we have described above, was taken when the members⁵⁰ of primitive society began to specialize in their work. And60 the whole story of society since, not only in its70 economic phase, but in all its other phases as well,80 has been a lengthening tale of increasing specialization of work⁹⁰ or function. With division and subdivision constantly taking place, it 100 is clearly impossible to recognize or name all of the110 stages of progress. But two of these stages are recognized120 in popular speech as of distinct character. The first of 130 these is what we may call division of occupations. Probably 140 the most primitive form of such division was that by150 which among savages the men took upon

themselves the functions¹⁶⁰ of warriors and hunters, putting upon the women the tasks¹⁷⁰ of the household and the field. Division of occupations is¹⁸⁰ indicated by the names of the manifold trades or callings.¹⁹⁰

The further subdivision of existing occupations has been largely the²⁰⁰ work of the last few centuries, and especially of the²¹⁰ last two. To this further subdivision—this further organization—of²²⁰ labor has been given the technical name of division of ccupations, although, as we have seen, division of occupations is²⁴⁰ but an earlier division of labor on larger lines.—Ely and Wicker, "Elementary Principles of Economics." (249–1.62)

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When shorthand is written at a rapid rate the stenographer¹⁰ performs four functions at the same time, because it is²⁰ impossible to write each word the instant it is spoken.³⁰ Therefore, the stenographer is several words behind the speaker. This⁴⁰ makes it necessary to comprehend what is being said, to50 carry the words in mind, to formulate mentally the characters60 to represent the words, and to write those characters. If70 the person dictating does not speak distinctly, the stenographer's mental⁸⁰ operations are interrupted. It is therefore imperative that rapid dictation 90 should be given clearly and accurately Again, shorthand is sound¹⁰⁰ writing, and there is no distinction between the characters representing110 words with different meanings and different spellings but with the 120 same pronunciation.

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The only way in which the stenographer can¹³⁰ determine the word intended is by the sense in which¹⁴⁰ it is employed, and sometimes the sense does not indicate¹⁵⁰ which word is meant. In such cases the stenographer's knowledge¹⁶⁰ of the subject is the sole source of information on¹⁷⁰ that point.—*United States Civil Service Examination*. (172–1.63)

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KNOWLEDGE OF ACCOUNTING IS VALUABLE

A thorough study of the fundamental principles of accounting ought10 to be part of the equipment of every business man,20 whether banker, merchant, or manufacturer. A great lawyer once told30 me that he often felt handicapped because he lacked complete40 knowledge of accounting. The fact is that modern accountancy enters50 into virtually every profession except medicine and one or two60 others. In urging the study of bookkeeping and accountancy I70 do not mean for a moment that accountancy need be80 or should be the ultimate goal; but I do mean⁹⁰ that the mastery of accountancy is one important rung in100 the ladder leading to business success. There are thousands and 110 thousands of positions where an executive looking around for a120 suitable man will be influenced to pick an employee who 130 understands all about accounts and can check up and analyze140 the figures pertaining to the work.

The Federal Trade Commission, 150 you will

recall, reported, as the result of extensive investigation, 160 that an astoundingly large percentage of merchants, manufacturers, and 170 other business men had no proper system of ascertaining and 180 analyzing their costs. They did their business by guess work and 190 by rule of thumb. They simply knew their total costs 200 and their total earnings, but in most instances a man 210 had no means of being able to put his finger 220 on any particular operation or any particular article and say, 230 "This is not yielding me a fair profit."

You will²⁴⁰ see how useful it is to supplement other knowledge and²⁵⁰ experience and qualifications by a thorough knowledge of accountancy. This²⁶⁰ will go far towards curing the evil which the Federal²⁷⁰ Trade Commission described as being responsible for no end of²⁸⁰ failures.—*Percy H. Johnson.* (281–1.63)

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FREE MARKETS AND POPULAR OWNERSHIP

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The New York Stock Exchange is just as particular about¹⁰ the securities admitted to trading in its markets as it²⁰ is to the individuals admitted to its membership. Before a³⁰ security can be traded in upon the Exchange, it must⁴⁰ conform to what are known as the listing requirements of⁵⁰ the Exchange. These requirements are undoubtedly the strictest and most⁶⁰ extensive of any large Stock Exchange organization in the world.⁷⁰ The financial structure of the given corporation must be explained⁸⁰ in detail, and

complete statements as to its assets and on liabilities and its recent earnings must be made. For years on the New York Stock Exchange has been a leader in the movement to obtain fuller publicity as to the affairs of large American corporations. Even after a security has been admitted to trading on the Exchange, it must periodically publish on the Exchange, it must periodically publish of earning statements and balance sheets in the public press, so that the public can have the opportunity of studying them.

It is important to notice, however, that the New York¹⁷⁰ Stock Exchange never attempts to estimate the value of any¹⁸⁰ security, or even to indorse, guarantee, or approve any of190 its listed stocks or bonds. It has always been felt200 that such an attempt would be outside the real function²¹⁰ of the Exchange, which consists primarily in maintaining a market²²⁰ for securities and rules for the methods of business employed230 in it. But the Stock Exchange has taken upon itself²⁴⁰ the task of seeing that enough facts about its listed²⁵⁰ securities are made available to the investing public for the260 latter to form an intelligent opinion as to actual security270 values. -E. H. H. Simmons, President of the New York Stock Exchange. (271-1.64)

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THE CHAIN STORE

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A chain store consists of a number of unit stores¹⁰ operating under a common management and control, and following common²⁰ policies and

utilizing common methods of operation which are determined³⁰ by the central management. The chain store combines to a⁴⁰ large degree the advantages of large- and small-scale retailing,⁵⁰ On the one hand, it enjoys the economies of departmentization,⁶⁰ large purchases, standardization of methods, and skilled executives. On the⁷⁰ other hand, it reaches to the very door of the⁸⁰ consumer, giving all the conveniences in location of the neighborhood⁹⁰ store.

Although the chain store was in existence in this¹⁰⁰ country before the Civil War, its most rapid growth has¹¹⁰ been since that time, particularly since the eighties, and even¹²⁰ more especially since about 1910—a period of rapidly¹³⁰ rising prices. The volume of business of some chains is¹⁴⁰ far greater than that of the greatest department stores and¹⁵⁰ is surpassed by but one great mail-order house. The¹⁶⁰ number of stores in chains ranges from two to two¹⁷⁰ thousand or more, and, if cooperative retail buying organizations are¹⁸⁰ included, to several thousand.

So long as jobbers and manufacturers¹⁹⁰ continue to desire new and wider markets for their products²⁰⁰ than existing retail methods provide, so long as large purchases²¹⁰ and purchases for cash can be made at lower prices,²²⁰ and so long as inside prices are given to powerful²³⁰ buyers, we can expect to see chain stores increase in²⁴⁰ number and importance. Consolidation will also continue, for as the²⁵⁰ special advantages which chain stores now exert over their small²⁶⁰ competitors are minimized through the establishment of competing stores, competition²⁷⁰ will lead

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to consolidation to gain the possibilities of increased²⁸⁰ power through the use of larger and larger units. With²⁹⁰ the further advantages of low costs, rapid turnover, and convenience³⁰⁰ in location near the consumer, it seems that the chain³¹⁰ store is likely to find for itself an increasing field³²⁰ of usefulness.—F. E. Clark, "Principles of Marketing." (322–1.64)

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ORGANIZATION OF OPERATING ACTIVITIES

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Starting with a factory, a working force, and a supply¹⁰ of raw materials, the manager faces a final production problem,²⁰ that of effectively organizing his operating activities. He has a³⁰ definite end in view. To the smallest necessary amount of⁴⁰ wood, metal, clay, or fiber he wants to add the⁵⁰ fewest motions required to turn out a properly balanced unit⁶⁰ of product. To do this he must so coordinate and⁻⁰ direct the application of these motions that there shall be³⁰ no duplication or loss, no waste of time or stock⁰⁰ or energy. And he must further provide a permanent method¹⁰⁰ of controlling both motions and materials in order that this¹¹⁰ equilibrium of means and results shall be preserved.

Inefficient management¹²⁰ involves either the application of too much power or labor¹³⁰ to a given unit of material or the use of¹⁴⁰ too large or too valuable a quantity of raw stock¹⁵⁰ in the manufacture of a standard unit of product. In¹⁶⁰ flagrant cases it may mean that all the elements

which¹⁷⁰ enter directly into manufacture—material, labor, power, machinery, space, light,¹⁸⁰ and so on—are entirely out of proportion to the¹⁹⁰ result which is obtained. Efficient production, on the other hand,²⁰⁰ is always the consequence of establishing and maintaining a balance²¹⁰ of all the elements that count in the making and,²²⁰ to a lesser degree, in the marketing of an article.²³⁰

The factory head must so organize his plant and processes²⁴⁰ that he can turn goods out economically. Yet in his²⁵⁰ attention to cost he must not lose sight of quality, ²⁶⁰ accuracy, durability, beauty, or whatever is the characteristic which measures²⁷⁰ the service to customers.

—A. W. Shaw, "An Approach to Business Problems." (274–1.64)

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CAPITAL

We are living in an age and in a society¹⁰ based upon capital, and in some ways dominated by it.²⁰ Inevitably, therefore, we all have genuine convictions and ideas, not²⁰ only as to how capital should be employed, but also⁴⁰ as to how it should be owned and regulated. Yet⁵⁰ few of us, I imagine, often stop to define just⁶⁰ what we mean by "capitalism." Certainly, much of the confused⁷⁰ thought which one encounters today in regard to the ownership⁸⁰ or regulation of capital springs from inaccurate ideas as to⁹⁰ what capital really is.

Capital essentially consists of those things¹⁰⁰

which we obtain by our present exertions, but which, instead110 of consuming at once, we devote to the future production¹²⁰ of wealth. There is no capital which someone did not130 in the first instance have to preserve from consumption in 140 just this way. All the productive tools of modern civilization¹⁵⁰ are capital. The workman's pick and shovel are capital, no160 less than the facilities of the largest railway or industrial170 company in the country. It is true that today the 180 ownership of a great part of the nation's capital is190 vested in our steadily growing stock corporations, which, in turn,200 are owned jointly by hundreds of thousands of individual shareholders.210 But the method of owning capital does not change or²²⁰ affect its fundamental character, as something saved out of present production230 to facilitate future production.

When one realizes what capital²⁴⁰ really is, the conclusion seems inevitable that, as long as²⁵⁰ we possess any civilization at all, we must continue to²⁶⁰ have capitalistic problems. Occasionally, it is true, mobs in brief270 moments of blind rage try to destroy capital as such,280 but such fuelle attempts are never long continued. Of course,²⁹⁰ we also have dreamers and theorists who sometimes urge us300 to destroy all our capital and return to a pure state310 of nature, which they picture as ideal. But these would-be320 abolitionists of capitalism forget that a state of nature³³⁰ is also a state of chronic pestilence, starvation, warfare, and340 savagery, as the study of any primitive race would soon350 indicate. Even our most destructive thinkers would hesitate to urge³⁶⁰ upon society the suicidal policy of scrapping and destroying its370 slowly and painfully acquired capital assets in the form of 380 all its tools and means of production, on any such390 lunatic basis as this .- E. H. H. Simmons, President of the New York Stock Exchange. (394-1.64)

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical education is as necessary as mental education. Today these10 two educations are going hand in hand about the difficult20 task for training for citizenship. There is no nobler goal³⁰ toward which the youth of our country might strive than40 the goal of useful, loyal citizenship. A fundamental requisite of 50 this citizenship is a strong, physically fit body. True citizenship60 may some day demand the supreme sacrifice in defense of 70 our country's honor. To be prepared physically to take up80 this solemn duty is the individual responsibility of each and90 every one of us. There are few instances of great¹⁰⁰ accomplishment by individuals physically deficient or by a people physically 110 weak. We pride ourselves upon the proud position which we120 hold in the realm of highly specialized international athletic competition.130 It is not enough for the future welfare of our 140 country, however, that our system of physical education should develop¹⁵⁰ a comparatively small number of superlative athletes. Our efforts must160 be predicated upon a system which will place within the 170 reach of every boy and girl in this country an180 opportu-

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nity to develop themselves physically. Our system must be such¹⁹⁰ a one as will raise the physical standards of our²⁰⁰ population both male and female. Our colleges and universities²¹⁰—in fact, all of our institutions of learning—are awakening²²⁰ to the fact that they are responsible for the physical²³⁰ as well as the mental education of their undergraduates.

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It²⁴⁰ is now fitting that the youth of this country should²⁵⁰ well learn the lesson that their bodies require care and²⁶⁰ education as well as their minds, that the highest duties²⁷⁰ of citizenship require the strong body as well as sound²⁸⁰ mind. Boys and girls of America, the future of this²⁹⁰ country is in your hands. Be faithful to your trust³⁰⁰ by now preparing yourself to fulfill those duties when the³¹⁰ time shall arrive.—
Dwight F. Davis. (313–1.65)

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ACHIEVING SUCCESS

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Make every sacrifice to have a sound body. Good health¹⁰ is the foundation of success and happiness. Plan out a²⁰ logical balance between sleep, work, and recreation. The highest efficiency²⁰ cannot be obtained if any of these is neglected.⁴⁰

Cultivate an alert, active mind, with clear, clean-cut ideas⁵⁰ on everything that interests you. Make decisions quickly. It is⁶⁰ better to make occasional mistakes than to stagnate.

Cultivate a⁷⁰ sense of humor and a habit of cheerfulness. In other⁸⁰ words, attack problems

seriously but be able to laugh wih90 your friends at your troubles.

Never be late. It is¹⁰⁰ a mean form of selfishness. To be late indicates that¹¹⁰ you did not have the desire, or that you did¹²⁰ not have the ability, to arrange your affairs efficiently up¹³⁰ to a certain moment.

Never break an engagement, no matter¹⁴⁰ how trivial. To do so occasionally will cause your friends¹⁵⁰ to lose confidence in you. To do so habitually will¹⁶⁰ cause you to lose confidence in yourself.

Derive a considerable¹⁷⁰ part of your pleasure first hand from nature rather than¹⁸⁰ second hand from books, the theater, or social life. A¹⁹⁰ single idea born from your own experience is worth a²⁰⁰ hundred fold more than the thoughts of men who are²¹⁰ dead. In one case you are a producer and in²²⁰ the other you are a parasite.

Success does not depend²³⁰ on wealth, attainments, or social position. There is only one²⁴⁰ form of success worth having and that is measured by²⁵⁰ the amount of happiness you bring into the lives of²⁶⁰ others.—Walter D. Wilcox, "Letters From Famous People." (261—1,51)

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THE ESSENTIALS OF ADVERTISING

The important place which advertising holds in modern business development¹⁰ makes some knowledge of it desirable to almost every man²⁰ in business, whether employer or employee.

That kind of advertising³⁰ which has to do

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directly with selling merchandise—as distinguished40 from that devoted to prestige building and general publicity—may⁵⁰ be considered as involving certain essentials which may be variously60 combined and arranged, but which in some degrees should be70 a part of practically every advertisement.

The first essential is 80 to gain the attention of possible buyers and interest them. 90 The next is to give them a definite idea of 100 what you have to sell. Then show how this can110 serve the interests or satisfy the needs and desires. Gain¹²⁰ the confidence of the prospective buyer in the truth of 130 what you claim. Show some reason for present action. Make140 clear how the goods may be easily obtained.

Certain observations¹⁵⁰ are also essential. Attention gained by false pretenses forfeits the 160 respect and so loses its force. Thought most readily grasps¹⁷⁰ concrete and pictorial expressions. Under certain circumstances abnormal emphasis on180 one point may be given with advantage. Some elements may190 be commonly understood or taken for granted and need not200 be expressed. The soul of advertising is information and suggested²¹⁰ use.—W. P. Warren, "Thoughts on Business." (211-1.66)

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SELLING PROSPERITY BY ADVERTISING HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS WORTH

For months the United States Government urged all business men¹⁰ to realize that they

10 G 2002 g 201. "sell" prosperity to the country by²⁰ big, bold advertising. It urged everybody to advertise heavily; if³⁰ they were already advertising, to increase their expenditures and broaden⁴⁰ their publicity campaign; and if they were not advertising, to⁵⁰ begin an aggressive campaign.

Never was better business advice given, 60 never was it more fully accepted, and never was there 70 a greater demonstration of the wisdom of such advice. Business 80 men everywhere commenced to advertise more freely and on broader 90 lines. Many men who had never done much advertising saw 100 a new light and began to advertise, while old-time 110 advertisers made larger appropriations and gave greater heed to the 120 almost limitless power of publicity.

The result is everywhere in 130 evidence. The confidence displayed by heavy advertising begat confidence. The 140 optimism of advertisers created optimism, and the pessimists slunk back 150 into their holes and pulled the holes in after them 160 permanently buried face downward, as is the just desert of 170 every man who becomes a pessimist in America.

Many men¹⁸⁰ at first did not see just how advertising could help¹⁹⁰ their individual business; nevertheless they, too, being broad of vision²⁰⁰ and patriotic in spirit, began to advertise, following the Government's²¹⁰ advice, and soon they felt a pride in being numbered²²⁰ among the business leaders who were doing their part toward²³⁰ bringing prosperity to the country and thus helping to destroy²⁴⁰ the seeds of Bolshevism, which fructify in poverty soils and²⁵⁰ which die in soils where prosperity is flourishing.

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Largely as²⁶⁰ an outcome of this work, vigorously conducted by the Secretary²⁷⁰ of Labor and to whom great credit is due, everyone²⁸⁰ now realizes that the country has taken the right road²⁹⁰ at the forks, and, instead of traveling toward the land³⁰⁰ of poverty and anarchy, is headed straight on the road³¹⁰ to the land of abounding national prosperity. This glorious change³²⁰ is largely due to the power of advertising which created³³⁰ an air of optimism, and as a nation thinketh in³⁴⁰ its heart, so it is.

The nation is now thinking³⁵⁰ in terms of publicity-created prosperity, and it realizes as³⁶⁰ never before that advertising is the great power which has³⁷⁰ saved us from stagnation and unemployment, and that advertising—big,³⁸⁰ broad, and intelligent advertising—will keep the nation traveling safely³⁹⁰ on the road of prosperity.

Advertising is, therefore, as so⁴⁰⁰ strongly presented by the Federal Government, a work of patriotism⁴¹⁰ as well as of enlightened selfish business interest.—*The Manufacturers' Record*. (418–1.70)

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THE STOCK MARKET

20 20 20 -00 20 The stock market was the first part of our modern¹⁰ financial mechanism to develop in this country because, in many²⁰ ways, its services were most fundamental and most urgently needed.³⁰ When the ten or twelve stockbrokers of 1792⁴⁰ gathered under the buttonwood tree in lower Wall Street for⁵⁰ the first time, they were unconsciously laying the foundation of⁶⁰ a very

large portion of the organization of American finance70 as we know it today. It was the pioneer task⁸⁰ of these early stockbrokers, which they themselves sensed only in90 part, to popularize security investment in this country. Before their 100 time no such thing existed, and capitalists could find a¹¹⁰ profitable employment of their funds only through the purchase of 120 real or personal property, or mortgage notes based upon it.130 In consequence, the initial task of creating a public demand140 in this country for security issues was a new departure150 in the business and social life of the community. The160 early Wall Street stockbrokers, however much they lacked our present170 perspective upon the security investment business, were nevertheless led by 180 a sound instinct to undertake their collective task by means190 of a free and open market, where purchasing and selling²⁰⁰ were carried on in the open at all times, and210 where as much publicity as possible was afforded the prices²²⁰ thus established. To the inexperienced and naturally timid security investors230 of the new republic, this free and open security market240 in Wall Street, although lacking practically all of its modern²⁵⁰ mechanical equipment and conveniences in the beginning, nevertheless served as²⁶⁰ a tremendous stimulus and incentive.— E. H. H. Simmons. (265-1.70)

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GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF WORLD TRADE

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The division of labor that exists among the

members of 10 a community exists also among the nations of the world20 at large. The people of one country usually produce something,30 either raw or manufactured, which the peoples of other countries⁴⁰ need. Interchange of commodities results in part from different geographical⁵⁰ environments. The greatest contrast lies between temperate and tropical regions,60 and one object in acquiring territorial control in the tropics 70 is to secure tropical products. Speaking broadly, the manufacturing industries⁸⁰ may be said to characterize the nations of the temperate 90 zone, while the production of raw material is a leading100 interest of the tropical peoples. The presence of water power, 110 and of coal and iron, determines a manufacturing population, especially 120 when coupled with favorable conditions of climate and soil. The130 raw material produced in the immediate vicinity is at first140 utilized, but the increasing capacity for manufacture sooner or later¹⁵⁰ draws upon raw material from more remote regions, and commercial160 interchange is thus established.

The aptitudes of different peoples for¹⁷⁰ different kinds of industrial activities constitute another factor in promoting¹⁸⁰ world commerce. This, again, is largely a question of environment.¹⁹⁰ Generations of men living under the same conditions, and engaged²⁰⁰ in the same occupations throughout long periods, become adapted to²¹⁰ special lines of work. This principle may be so effective²²⁰ as to give industrial character to a nation. The agricultural²³⁰ Dutch, the weaving and lace-making populations of northern France²⁴⁰ and Belgium, the silk and tea

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producers of China, the²⁵⁰ silk weavers of France and Italy, are a few illustrations²⁶⁰ of this principle of aptitude, native or acquired.

The foreign²⁷⁰ trade of a country may be simply the expansion of ²⁸⁰ its internal or domestic trade. The surplus of production, in ²⁹⁰ either raw materials or manufactures, becomes an export. The exchange ³⁰⁰ of this surplus for the needed commodities produced by a ³¹⁰ foreign country lies at the basis of world commerce.—

Spencer Trotter, "The Geography of Commerce."
(319–1.77)

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THE FUNCTIONS OF NEWSPAPERS IN A DEMOCRACY

To accept the generally recognized function of the newspaper as10 the distributor of information on all the varied subjects presented20 in the day's news is to give the newspaper a³⁰ place of great responsibility in a democracy like ours. If40 we consider only its news-distributing function and disregard editorial⁵⁰ influence, the place of the newspaper is still a vital⁶⁰ one in our country, for the success of a democratic70 form of government depends upon intelligent action by the individual⁸⁰ voter. Such voting must be based upon accurate information concerning90 all important events of the day events of a social, 100 commercial, and industrial significance, as well as those of political 110 import—because many of the important questions upon which the120 voter should cast an intelligent ballot concern economic and 295. 4

social¹³⁰ problems rather than purely political ones. Practically the only source¹⁴⁰ of information for the average voter concerning local, national, and¹⁵⁰ international events is the newspaper.

The rapidly increasing tendency of 160 citizens in voting to disregard party affiliations, and the recent 170 extension of methods of direct making of laws by means 180 of the initiative and referendum, require that citizens have accurate 190 information on a great variety of subjects to enable them 200 to vote intelligently on men and issues. Any influence that 210 tends to affect the accuracy of statements concerning current events 220 thereby tends to affect the basis underlying the opinions of 230 the voters. Upon the accuracy of the newspapers in matters 240 of news, therefore, depends to a great extent the character 250 of our government.—Bleyer, "Newspaper Writing and Editing." (253–1.84)

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